

# U. S. GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER RAILROADS

## POSSESSION AND OPERATION OF NATION'S RAILROADS FOR WAR EFFECTIVE FRIDAY NOON

### McAdoo, Retaining Place in Cabinet as Secretary of Treasury Named Director General—Roads Will Be Operated as One Great System

## PROCLAMATION ISSUED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson tonight to become effective at noon next Friday, Dec. 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation with its appurtenances, including steamship lines, is taken over and all systems will be operated as one under the director general. In a statement accompanying his proclamation the president announced that as soon as congress reassembles he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

Government backing will be given to new issues of railroad securities so that a ready market may be found. It had been generally believed that the president would await the reassembling of congress before taking any step. He acted thru Secretary of War Baker under authority conferred in the army appropriation act.

Direct management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials and the railroad's war board, comprised of five railroad heads will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The practical effect of government operation will be to permit a complete unification of all rail systems, impossible under private operation by reason of statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings. The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction and it became known only today that they had been warned by Attorney General Gregory that a violation of the anti-pooling laws could not be permitted.

This situation was fully realized by President Wilson who in his statement declared the roads had gone as far as they could and that already some systems were endangering their earnings in attempting unification.

Altho the proclamation applies to all electric lines engaged in general transportation local interurban systems are specifically exempted.

Congress will be asked to guarantee earnings equivalent to the average net operating income of each railroad in the three year period ending June 30, 1917. Railroad exports estimate that this will cost the government next year in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 which can be raised in large part by increased freights if the inter-state commerce commission grants the road's application for the fifteen per cent rate increase now pending. Otherwise it will be paid largely out of the general government funds.

The inter-state commerce commission and other government agencies which have to do with the railroads will continue to perform their functions as heretofore, except that they will be subject to orders of the director of railroads.

The president makes it clear that his decision was not made because of any failure on the part of the railroads to perform their whole duty insofar as they could while hampered as they were by legal restrictions. The plan of control as outlined in the proclamation and statement leaves much unsaid as to details, but the general scheme appears to follow closely the British system. In England, however, government freight is carried free and the guaranteed earnings require an enormous amount of money from government funds, while in the United States the government will pay for its freight as in the past and will stand its part of the increased freight tariffs if they are found to be necessary.

Aside from the president's statement there was no comment in the capital tonight on the government's move. Secretary McAdoo declined to be quoted and members of the railroads' war board said they would have no statement to make until tomorrow.

#### The President's Statement

The president's statement follows: "I have exercised the powers over the transportation systems of the country which were granted me by the act of Congress of last August because it has become imperative for me to do so. This is a war of resources no less of men, perhaps even more than of men and it is necessary for the complete mobilization of our resources that the transportation systems of the country should be organized and employed under a single authority and a unified method of co-ordination which have not proved possible under private management and con-

### Comments on President Wilson's Announcement

#### RAILROAD MEN WILL CO-OPERATE WITH PRESIDENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and a member of the railway board of the national council of defense, said tonight:

"President Wilson indicated the possibility of such action as he has taken at a conference with railroad men several weeks ago. I believe the president has a deep sense of his responsibility to the people and to the railroads. He realizes the difficulties of the railway heads in securing capital under present war conditions. The railroad men will co-operate with him to the fullest in solving the problems of transportation presented by the unusual conditions."

Mr. Holden added: "The practical effect that the public is likely to feel probably will be an increase in railroad rates. In England there was a fifty per cent increase in passenger schedules necessitated by the change in the conduct of affairs. There has been talk of a three cent rate in the United States."

Mr. Holden added that he would leave in the morning for Washington for a conference with Mr. McAdoo and other officials.

Marvin Hughitt, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad said:

"We will co-operate with the president to the fullest extent."

Richard H. Alston, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad said:

"Since the beginning of the war the railroad men of the country have co-operated with the government in every way. They will continue to do so."

#### BUSH ASSERTS ROADS "WILL DO BEST THEY CAN"

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—B. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific railroad in commenting on President Wilson's proclamation today under which the government takes control of the railroads, declared he believed all the railroads "will go ahead and do the best they can."

#### PENNSYLVANIA HEAD LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, left for Washington tonight and it was said at the offices of the company that he may give out a statement there tomorrow regarding the taking over of the railroads by the government. Officials of other railroads with headquarters in this city declined to discuss President Wilson's action.

#### "RAILROADS WILL STAND BY PRESIDENT WILSON"

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—"The railroads of the country will stand by President Wilson in any action he may take to secure the furtherance of the war aims of the nation. If he deems it best for the government to take control of the carriers at this time I am confident there will be no opposition from the directing heads of the principal lines," said Edmund Pennington, president of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie railroad tonight.

#### "RAILROAD MEN READY TO DO THEIR DUTY"

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—"Railroad men are ready to do their duty under any plan or policy that may be determined upon to achieve the purposes of the nation in this time of war," William Shroule, president of the Southern Pacific company, said here tonight in commenting on President Wilson's announcement.

#### UNDERWOOD ENTHUSIASTIC OVER ACTION TAKEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Presidents of the railroads having their terminals in New York expressed little surprise tonight at President Wilson's decision to take over control of all the lines in the country. Frederick D. Underwood of the Erie, was enthusiastic over the action taken.

"This is the best news I have heard in many a day," he said. "It is the biggest and finest thing that ever has happened to our railroads. It has so many big sides that I hesitate to discuss them with out being familiar with the details of the president's plan. On the basis of the general announcement I would say instantly that it will be a grand thing for the country as a war time measure, a grand thing for the railroads themselves and a grand solution of the labor problem."

W. H. Truesdale of the Lackawanna also expressed his approval.

The committee of railway executives who have been co-operating with the government in this all-important matter have done the utmost that it was possible for them to do. They have done it with patriotic zeal and with great ability; but there were difficulties that they could neither escape nor neutralize. Complete unity of administration in the present circumstances involves upon occasion and at many points a serious dislocation of earnings and the committee was, of course, without power or authority to rearrange charges or effect proper compensations and adjustments of earnings. Several roads which were willingly and with admirable public spirit accepting the orders of the committee have already suffered from these circumstances and should not be required to suffer further. In matters of this kind the full authority of the government must be substituted. The government itself will thereby gain an immense increase of efficiency in the conduct of the war and of the innumerable activities upon which its successful conduct depends.

"The public interest must be first served, and in addition, the financial interests of the government and the interests of the railroads must be brought under a common direction. The financial operations of the railroads need not then interfere with the borrowings of the government and they themselves can be conducted at a greater advantage. Investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be scrupulously looked after by the government as they could be by the directors of the several railway systems. Immediately upon the reassembling of congress I shall recommend that those definite guarantees be given."

"First, of course, that the railway properties will be maintained during the period of federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as when taken over by the government, and second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30, 1917; and I am entirely confident that the congress will be disposed in this case, as in others, to see that justice is done and full security assured to the owners and creditors of the great systems which the government must now use under its own direction or else suffer serious embarrassment."

"The secretary of war and I are agreed that, all the circumstances being taken into consideration, the best results can be obtained under the immediate executive direction of Mr. William G. McAdoo, whose practical experience peculiarly fits him for the service and whose treasury will enable him to co-ordinate as no other man could the many financial interests which will be involved and which might, unless systematically directed, suffer very embarrassing entanglements."

"The government of the United States is the only great government now engaged in the war which has not already assumed control of this sort. It was thought to be in the spirit of American institutions to attempt to do everything that was necessary thru private management, and if zeal and ability and patriotic motive could have accomplished the necessary unification of administration it would certainly have been accomplished; but no zeal or ability could overcome insuperable obstacles and I have deemed it my duty to recognize that fact in all candor now that it is demonstrated and to use without reserve the great authority reposed in me. A great national necessity dictated the action and I was therefore not at liberty to abstain from it."

"Woodrow Wilson."

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### TRANSPORTATION TIEUP NULLIFIES MUCH OF WORK

#### Garfield Before Senate Investigating Committee

Little General Relief from Present Coal Situation Can Be Expected Until Railroads are Put Under One Management.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Much of the effect of the fuel administration's work has been nullified, Fuel Administrator Garfield told the senate committee investigating the coal situation today by the transportation tieup. He said little general relief could be expected until the railroads were put under one management and that if the war continued a long time it would be necessary for the government to take over the coal supply. The normal ten per cent increase over the production of last year has been maintained, he added, altho the war has brought a demand for an additional ten per cent over the 1916 output, which has not been met. In the last few days the private consumer has been given more consideration than heretofore, Dr. Garfield explained.

At first the main idea was to supply the government and the railroads but with the suffering due to the shortage in many places, he said, the administration recently had devoted most of its time to attempting to get coal to places where it was most needed. Conditions already are better he stated, tho the situation was not well in hand.

Dr. Garfield said he was not familiar with dividends many of the coal companies were paying but that he believed many operators were making more money than ever before. Good prices he agreed as necessary to large production.

Senator Vardaman, a member of the committee, insisted that the operators were "plundering and robbing" the people and the whole power of the fuel administration should be employed to stop it. The administrator told why the plan to eliminate entirely electric signs was dropped when it was found how many people were either directly or indirectly reliant upon the business for a livelihood and how little coal it takes to maintain the electric signs of a large city.

An appreciable saving, he said had resulted from the plan of having competitors in certain industries to agree to an equitable curtailment of output. This was a better plan he believed than of eliminating manufacture of so-called non-essentials.

## BULLETINS

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Nicholas Bogolavensky, Russian consul at Seattle, announced today he had received a cable sent by way of India telling of the establishment of a new Russian government at Voronezh, capital of a province of the same name between Moscow and Rostov on the Azov Sea.

MARFA, Texas, Dec. 26.—United States troops crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico late today in pursuit of the bandits who raided the Britte ranch house Christmas morning and killed the United States mail carrier and two Mexican passengers in the mail car. The report of the crossing, which reached Col. George T. Langhorne, in command here tonight said that one American soldier and an unknown number of Mexicans had been killed in a running fight.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister at the session of the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk, Tuesday read a statement to the effect that the central powers agreed to conclude immediately a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—David R. Francis, the American ambassador to Russia issued on Tuesday a firm rebuttal of the charges made against the American embassy by the Bolsheviks. He declared, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Times, that he and his staff never interfered with internal affairs in Russia, nor aided General Kaledines or any other faction.

### WEDNESDAY BIRTHDAY OF FAMOUS ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—This being the anniversary of the birth of the late Admiral Dewey, Secretary Daniels and the members of the general board of the navy called at the Dewey home today and paid their respects to Mrs. Dewey and the admiral's son, George Dewey of Chicago.

During the last few years of the admiral's life the board and the secretary also observed his birthday by calling upon him.

#### LETTER GIVEN POLICE

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 26.—A letter saying that nine bombs had been placed in the executive mansion, capitol building, police station and residences of "two head officers of the state" has been received by Governor William D. Stephens and turned over to the police. It became known today. The letter demanded that \$50,000 be placed "in a rock pile" presumably near Oakland, Dec. 31, at 2 o'clock.

### War News Summarized

Except on the northern Italian front the military operations continue below normal. In France only bombardments and small raiding operations are taking place.

The Italians, Christmas Day, continued their counter-attacks upon the Austro-German forces which had made gains on Col. Del Rosso and Monte de Val Bella. The battle waged with great violence and the Italians wrested several of their former positions from the enemy but owing to the renewed onslaughts by the Teutonic allied forces they were again compelled to give ground. The situation surrounding the peace parleys between the Austro-Germans and the Russians is still beclouded owing to the lack of details being permitted to come thru. At last accounts the Germans had not only failed to return an answer to the demands made by the Belshchikov delegates, but had requested that the negotiations be extended by virtually another month.

Twelve British merchantmen were sunk by mines or submarines last week as against seventeen the week previously.

Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, second sea lord, has been promoted to the rank of first sea lord of the British admiralty.

### REACH NO VERDICT IN MEAD MURDER CASE

#### Coroner's Jury Will Resume Hearing in Peoria Today

Witnesses Give Testimony Wednesday, Which According to Coroner Elliott Tends to Refute Strause's Self-Defense Contentions.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 26.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Berne Mead, cashier of the State Trust & Savings Bank of Peoria who was shot to death last Sunday in the offices of the bank by Edgar A. Strause, president of the institution, adjourned today without having reached a verdict. Taking of testimony will be resumed tomorrow morning. Several witnesses today gave testimony which, according to Coroner W. B. Elliott, would tend to refute the contention of Strause that the shot that killed Mead was fired in self defense. John W. Franklin, a real estate dealer of Mattoon, Ill., testified that he was standing at the corner of Jefferson and Fulton streets near the bank shortly before noon Sunday when the first shot was fired. After the first shot he heard groans.

"A man came to the door of the bank and looked in," he continued. "Then I heard two more shots."

Later at the police station Franklin identified Strause as the man he had seen come to the door of the bank.

Detectives who examined the bank offices testified that all three bullets were fired in the same direction and that the indications were that Mead was first shot while seated at his desk.

### ORGANIZE "AMERICAN COOKED FOOD SERVICE"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The "American cooked food service," designed to provide cooked meals to homes "that otherwise might disintegrate because of the draft of women, domestic workers and house mothers into industrial and other war service," was organized by a group of men and women in this city today. It was announced that the first station will be opened in a few weeks with a motor service extending over a two mile radius. The incorporators of the movement include Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Adolph Lewisohn and Charles H. Sablin, with Miss Jess H. Bancroft as president. It was stated that the movement had been endorsed by the federal food administration.

### LOCOMOTIVES TO BURN LESS COAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Locomotives of the Lehigh Valley railroad system hereafter will burn 35 per cent less coal, it was announced today thru the use of a fuel mixture of crushed bituminous coal and anthracite sile which had been considered useless. As a steam producer fuel was said to exceed the bituminous alone. The company has found by experiments it was stated that it produced forty per cent more steam. Mixing plants are being built thruout the anthracite fields. It was announced and the new mixture will be sent to all Lehigh Valley engine terminals.

#### WILL BE RETAINED ON ACTIVE LIST

Washington, Dec. 26.—General Tasker Bliss will be retained on active service as chief of staff of the army after he reaches the retirement age next Monday, Dec. 31. Secretary Baker announced today that this had been decided upon by President Wilson. It had been believed generally that some younger officer would assume the burdens of chief of staff.

#### POSTPONE DATE

Washington, Dec. 26.—The inter-state commerce commission today postponed from January 1 to July 1, 1918, the date on which locomotives must be equipped with high power headlights.

## RUSSIAN SITUATION UNCERTAIN

### U. S. Will Be Strictly Neutral Regarding Russian Factions

### MUST WORK OUT OWN SALVATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Great forbearance will be exercised by the American government in dealing with the chaotic Russian situation because it is realized that German intrigue working thru thinly disguised agents within the ranks of the Bolsheviks is doing its utmost to bring about a breach between the United States and Russia. It was authoritatively stated today that American representatives in Russia will be guided in their conduct by strictest rules of neutrality as between Russian factions. It is the purpose to permit the Russian people to work out their own salvation. There still is a conviction in administration circles that a satisfactory and probably permanent government of democratic form will be developed from the present turmoil.

Dispatches to the state department show that every opportunity is being seized upon by the German agencies to misrepresent the attitude of America towards the Bolshevik movement and particularly to inflame the excitable Russian public against the personnel of the American embassy and its head, Ambassador Francis.

Much has been made of the failure of the ambassador to extend official recognition to the Lenin regime as it did to the first republican government in Lvoft and Mikuloff and now the tension has become acute over the routine efforts of Ambassador Francis to assist the Red Cross in its work in Southern Russia and Roumania which have been distorted into a purpose to aid a counter revolution under Kaledines.

### ENEMIES PERMITTED TO CROSS BRIDGES

Chicago, Dec. 26.—German alien enemies are permitted to cross bridges in "barred zones" as pedestrians, under a ruling made today by United States Marshal John J. Bradley. The order follows: "German alien enemies are hereby permitted to cross bridges in barred zones as pedestrians for the purpose of passing from one part of the city or locality. They are, however, expressly prohibited from loitering about or loitering or stopping on any bridge or public ways directly leading to bridges within the barred zones."

### TOBACCO A NECESSITY, NOT A LUXURY

London, Dec. 26.—Tobacco is a necessity, not a luxury, declares Lord Kildonnan, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much both to the manual laborer and to him who works with his brains. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

Some system of "rationing" tobacco, however, is forecast by the newspapers.

### BRITISH LOSSES SHOW DECREASE

London, Dec. 26.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the past week. According to the admiralty report tonight eleven British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel.

For the week ended December 19, seventeen British merchantmen were fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons. In the previous week the losses were twenty-one, fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons.

#### WEATHER INDICATIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Illinois: Cloudy Thursday somewhat warmer in south and central portions; Friday unsettled and colder.

Temperatures.		
The current, maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded Wednesday were:		
Jacksonville	30	35
Peoria	16	24
Buffalo	16	24
New York	22	26
New Orleans	42	44
Chicago	30	31
Detroit	20	21
Omaha	30	30
Minneapolis	24	24
San Francisco	60	62
Winnipeg	-13	-10



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Nearly one-half million Greeks,  
men, women and children, have been  
driven from Constantinople in to the  
deserts to die from exposure and  
starvation. The Turks are merciless.

Who can understand the present  
situation in Russia? Not one, prob-  
ably, in the whole world. "Govern-  
ments" tumble every day there, and  
the ruler may be tomorrow even  
the kaiser cannot tell.

Men in the army are said to have  
a rather more contemptuous opinion  
of the "slicker" than of the "slack-  
er", claiming the former are seeking  
the soft and safe places in the ser-  
vice.

One does not expect to read of a  
shoot-off in a bank, in a fight over  
control. When officers of a  
bank take to carrying guns things  
are in bad shape.

The Bolshevik leader in Russia  
threatens to establish the guillotine  
in Russia. An eminent Frenchman,  
Danton, once made that instrument  
of death a feature in France, but  
was himself one of its victims.

Billy Sunday is said to have hit a  
pro-German in the mouth as the lat-  
ter attempted to assault him for de-  
nouncing the Huns. William has  
fought the imps of darkness too long  
to be afraid of disciples of the kais-  
er.

## WAR PROFITEERS.

During our Civil war fifty years  
ago and later during the war with  
Spain we had many dishonest con-  
tractors, profiteers they are now called,  
who embarrassed the government  
many ways. In the present war this  
class seems especially numerous, and  
their delays and unscrupulous cheat-  
ing are costing many lives. The war  
profiteer, the men who make tremen-  
dous profits out of materials furnish-  
ed the government, should be  
promptly placed before a firing squad  
and disposed of in a way that would  
deter others from following their ex-  
ample.

## NO PARTY DISSENSION THERE.

(From the London Telegraph)  
On the great issue of the war the  
country is still perfectly sound. The  
Unionist, the Liberal, and the Labor  
parties present an unbroken front.  
Mr. Asquith's recent speeches at  
Leeds and Liverpool would not have  
required the alteration of a single  
word if he had been a member of the  
government instead of leader of a  
patriotic opposition, and it is a na-  
tional blessing that the late prime  
minister and the present prime min-  
ister are found speaking on the su-  
preme subject of peace and war in  
the same voice and same key. That  
is the feature of the political situa-  
tion which really matters, and who  
will compute what it means to the  
country that while Germany is try-  
ing to get the allies to enter the con-  
ference chamber, and resorting to ev-  
ery intrigue to sow discord between  
them, the leader of the opposition  
rejects them all with the same em-  
phasis as the head of the British gov-  
ernment? A divided public opinion  
here would be worth to Germany at  
this moment many of Hindenburg's  
much trumpeted victories.

## CO-ORDINATION OF SUPPLIES.

(From the New Republic)  
There is only one way to secure  
the volume of supplies needed by the  
military forces of America and the  
allies, which is to place the respon-  
sibility for producing them in the  
hands of a general munitions de-  
partment, the several bureaus of  
which will not compete against one  
another and will act upon a co-ordi-  
nated policy. There is only one  
way to assure the transportation of  
military supplies as well as those  
needed by the civil population, which

is to appoint a national railroad ad-  
ministrator. If these new executive  
departments were created, and if  
they were given representation on a  
strategy board, then the board would  
require only one more addition to the  
membership to become the brains of  
an American war organization. All  
these executive chiefs would derive  
their powers chiefly from the presi-  
dent and they could not sit effective-  
ly in council except with his active  
consent and co-operation.

SOLDIERS CHANCES BETTER  
THAN IN THE SIXTIES.

Anyone who read Capt. F. A. C. Val-  
ley's story of Andersonville prison in his  
war reminiscences published in the  
Journal Christmas morning will be  
impressed anew with the almost in-  
describable horror of that prison.  
And with this thought will come an-  
other—that notwithstanding the  
cruelty of the present war and the  
suffering of soldiers at the front,  
that the sorrows of 1861-65 were  
really greater, comparatively speak-  
ing.

Soldiers in the present war have  
far more comforts than did the "boys  
in blue." The rationed served Amer-  
ican soldiers today are as to quan-  
tity and to quality far superior to  
those provided in the earlier war.  
One of the greatest advances has  
been in the care of the wounded,  
and the medical science of today of-  
fers to soldiers first aid and later  
treatment of a kind wholly unknown  
at the time of the Rebellion. It is  
true too that the Mauser bullets in  
that earlier war shattered bones and  
caused blood poisoning to a much  
greater extent than do the rifle bul-  
lets now.

As friends and relatives of the  
soldiers think of these facts they  
can have the comforting assurance  
that "their soldiers" are really much  
better protected and much more  
fortunate than the men who fought  
for the union. It is due to this dif-  
ference in methods of warfare and  
to this advance in medical science  
that the total death rate per year  
in the present war does not exceed  
five per cent of the total number of  
individuals engaged. Statistics of  
the war show that of the allied  
soldiers 95 per cent of those who  
reach the field hospitals recover and  
of those who reach the base hospitals  
98 per cent recover. There is also  
another point, and that is the ratio  
of deaths by disease is only about  
one to twenty from wounds or in  
battle, whereas in former wars the  
ratio was about seven deaths from  
disease to one in battle or from  
wounds.

GOVERNMENT  
OPERATED RAILROADS.

The announcement that the gov-  
ernment will speedily take over the  
railroads of the country was not un-  
expected, for there has been inkling  
of this bit of information from  
Washington for some weeks past.  
The successful conduct of war pre-  
parations is quite largely one of  
transportation. The action is not  
taken because of dissatisfaction on  
the part of the government with the  
attitude of the railroads, for almost  
as soon as war was declared the  
management of nearly all roads im-  
mediately signified their willingness  
to place their properties at the dis-  
posal of the government, and since  
that date the railroads have in real-  
ity been managed by a war board of  
five railroad presidents.

It is announced that this board  
is to continue but that William G.  
McAdoo will be the director general  
of the roads. In this position Mr.  
McAdoo, who will retain his position  
as secretary of the treasury in the  
cabinet, will have power only second  
to that of the president. It is dif-  
ficult to measure the responsibility  
of such a position as the direct head  
of the combined railway systems of  
this country. Thousands upon thou-  
sands of miles of track, hundreds  
of thousands of freight and passenger  
cars and investments representing  
billions of money are involved. It  
is understood that the change was  
not opposed by the railroad manage-  
ments or by the railway brother-  
hoods.

One great reason for the change  
is the fact that in combined opera-  
tion and in the pooling of interests  
the railroads have gone as far as  
present laws will permit. With the  
government in control the railroads  
will be operated as one system and  
it will be possible to cut out dupli-  
cation and to handle the various  
systems as one, in a way which the  
railroads separately owned could not  
do.

But if anyone thinks that govern-  
ment ownership is going to mean  
lower rates and better service, a re-  
vision of opinion is likely to come  
a little later on. The mere fact of  
government ownership and operation  
is not going to immediately create a  
traffic Utopia, and instead of reduc-  
tions it is very likely that there will  
be increases. To contemplate the  
government operation of all the rail-  
roads in addition to the tremendous  
amount of business Uncle Sam is al-  
ready giving attention, presents in a  
new way the war conditions of the  
day. War was declared by the U. S.  
only a few months ago. Changes  
toward the centralization of power  
have taken place so rapidly since  
that time that a comparatively small  
percentage of the people realize that  
the changes have taken place. There  
has been a development toward gov-  
ernment paternalism that would  
otherwise possibly never have come  
and certainly would not have come  
until the passage of many years.

Yes, the country is at war. Pre-  
parations are under way for the  
equipping of an army of 4,000,000  
men. The government is controlling  
the food supply, is in charge of fuel,  
is now about to take over the rail-  
roads. No doubt there will soon be  
such general tightening up that when  
a few months have passed there will  
be no more the plaint that the pub-  
lic does not really understand the  
U. S. is seriously engaged in this  
world conflict, and that the burden  
of victory or defeat for the cause of  
liberty rests upon this country.

Grab sale at Obermeyer's.

Rippling Rhymes  
By WALT MASON

## PATRIOTIC GIRLS.

I know a bunch of daisies fair,  
whose spirit greatly I admire; they  
have the nerve to do and dare,  
they're full of patriotic fire. There's  
one of them so passing sweet, she'd  
make the fetchingest of trams, and  
men are always at her feet with talk  
of rings and wedding vows. Who-  
ever gets her in the end will have  
to bear the marks of strife; she'll be  
a sister or a friend to others, but  
she won't be wife. "I'll never wed  
a man who shrinks, who does not  
when his country calls," she says.  
"I know some men who wear a scowl  
when facing some small sacrifice;  
and men there are who raise a howl  
whenever they dig up the price. But  
all the women that I know are thoro-  
bred, of spirit high, their one regret  
that they can't go and show us how  
to bleed and die. A man will won-  
der where he's at when for a bond  
he shells the rocks; his wife will  
soak her Sunday hat to buy the yarn  
for soldier's socks. A man will sigh  
if he must use some substitute for  
beef or cheese; his wife will auction  
off her shoes, and barefoot go to  
knitting bees.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

December 27, 1816—Death of Hon.  
William Hendry, representative in  
the lower House of the Legislature  
from Adams Co., Illinois. Emigra-  
ted to Johnson Co. in 1819.

**THIS WEEK, PREVIOUS TO  
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OFFER CHOICE OF 250 GAR-  
MENTS AND HATS AT BIG  
REDUCTIONS IN PRICE—  
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IN THIS SALE AND REDUCED  
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BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
ELECTED OFFICERS

Representatives of Y. M. C. A. Bas-  
ketball League Held Meeting Wed-  
nesday Evening and Elected Of-  
ficers. Tentative Officials Selected  
and Constitution Adopted.

Representatives of five churches  
met at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday  
evening and perfected the Y. M. C. A.  
Sunday school basketball league. Of-  
ficers were elected and a constitution  
was adopted that will govern the or-  
ganization in the future.

The following were present as rep-  
resentatives of their various church-  
es: Westminster, George Gunn;  
Grace, Wylder Towle; Central Chris-  
tian, Ashton Weddell; State Street,  
Wallace Hembrough; Centenary,  
Fred E. Darr.

The matter of selecting officials  
for the league also was discussed.  
The representatives selected Prof. T.  
T. Callihan and Coach Hoover of the  
high school, Coach Harmon of Illi-  
nois College, A. R. Weddell of the  
Y. M. C. A. and Edward Tomlinson,  
Illinois College. The selection of  
these men will depend largely upon  
their willingness to serve. However,  
as the games fall upon nights when  
there are no college or high school  
games it is probable they will give  
their services.

The matter of a schedule also was  
considered but as yet it is not defi-  
nitely mapped out. However, the  
season will open in the Y gymna-  
sium Tuesday evening January 8. At  
that time two games will be played  
but it is not known what teams will  
contest.

The officers elected are:  
President—Fred E. Darr.  
Vice President—Wallace Hemb-  
rough.  
Secretary—Treasurer—Wylder  
Towle.

**GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE!  
A GREAT SLAUGHTER  
SALE OF MILLINERY AND  
READY TO WEAR GOODS IS  
NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE  
STORE OF J. HERMAN.**

## WEDDING AT DANVILLE

Rev. H. H. DeWitt pastor of Sec-  
ond Baptist church and Dr. A. H.  
Kennebrew left Wednesday morn-  
ing for Danville where Wednesday  
evening Rev. Mr. DeWitt officiated at  
the marriage of Lieut. Walter Leon-  
ard and Hutcherson of the United States  
army and Miss Avanna Gertrude Wal-  
don daughter of Mrs. Emma Waldon of  
529 Martian street Danville. Dr.  
Kennebrew acted as Lieut. Hutch-  
erson's best man. The ceremony was  
said in Second Baptist church at Dan-  
ville and was one of the events of  
the season in Danville's colored so-  
ciety.

HAS TWO GRANDSON  
IN THE ARMY

Frank Hardin, 955 East State  
street, has the satisfaction of know-  
ing that his descendants are doing  
their duty toward their country. The  
ones referred to are two grandsons  
of Minneapolis, Minn. One is Rol-  
and Smith in camp near San An-  
tonio, Texas. In the airplane depart-  
ment; the other is Marquette Smith  
who is in the naval service being now  
at the Great Lakes camp Co. J, Reg.  
2, Barracks 224. Mr. Hardin him-  
self would be glad to go and serve  
his country too but is too old and so  
enjoys this service by proxy.

Rev. Clyde L. Hay, who has been  
here for a holiday visit with his  
mother, Mrs. A. L. Hay, and the  
niece of his wife, Mrs. J. H. Hay,  
M. T. Layman, returned last night  
to Chicago. Mrs. Hay will remain  
for a further visit.

LYNNVILLE SCHOOLS  
HAD XMAS PROGRAM

Children Enjoyed Excellent Program  
Recently—Christian Church Bible  
School Had Interesting Exercises  
Sunday Evening—News Items  
From Lynnville Vicinity.

Lynnville, Dec. 26.—Our public  
schools gave a very interesting mis-  
cellaneous program last Friday after-  
noon. Santa Claus was enjoyed by  
the children.

Owing to the excellent weather  
and splendid condition of the roads  
quite a number availed themselves  
of the opportunity of using their au-  
tos in transit to Jacksonville last  
Saturday.

The Bible school of the Christian  
church gave their Christmas program  
last Sunday evening to a crowded  
house.

Piano solo—Virginia Gordon.  
Scripture lesson.  
Prayer.  
Song—"America."  
Recitation, "Welcome"—Mildred  
Crouse.

Dialogue—Paul Watson and Ethel  
Lorton.  
Recitation—Edna Campbell.  
Recitation—Viola McNeely.

Dialogue, "Boarding House Tid-  
bits"—Six Boys.  
Solo—Edwin Gordon.

Recitation—Arthur Campbell.  
Reading, "Story of the First  
Christmas"—Janie Cooper.  
Recitation—Lois McNeely.

Song, "The Lord Jesus"—Helen  
Coulas and Bertha Todd.  
Recitation—Virginia Heaton.

Pantomime—Viola McNeely.  
Dialogue, "Dollies' Christmas"—  
Louis McNeely and Ethel Lorton.

Recitation—Byron Crouse.  
Dialogue, "The Song, the Star, the  
Story"—Lillie German, Bertha Todd  
and Sarah Gordon.

Dialogue, "The Christmas Crazy  
Class."  
Exercise, "Christmas with Mother  
Goose Children in a Shoe."  
Reading—L. R. Crockwhite.

Pantomime—Mae Morris and Ber-  
tha Hundley.  
The offering amounted to \$20.10  
which will be sent to the Armenian  
relief.

Two barrels of provisions were  
also sent to the Christian orphanage  
at St. Louis.

J. O. Parker and family have  
moved to Peoria.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wat-  
son a daughter, Wednesday, Dec. 19.  
Poster Sheppard is reported on the  
sick list.

Fern Potter who has been very  
sick is improving in a gratifying  
manner.

Earl Landers and Will Stevenson  
and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coulas and  
daughter enjoyed Christmas in  
Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Hills and family  
enjoyed Christmas dinner at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hills.

Otis Van Winkle and wife of  
Franklin motored to Lynnville on  
Christmas day and enjoyed dinner at  
the home of Mrs. Van Winkle's par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibb.

Claude Jewsbury and Lena Harney  
thought they would surprise us by  
being quietly married at the Chris-  
tian church parsonage last Saturday  
evening, but our local press will give  
things away. Nevertheless we extend  
congratulations to a worldly young  
couple.

Catharine Wilson of Eukera is en-  
joying Christmas vacation at the  
home of her grandparents, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. H. Campbell.

Sherman Coulas who is attending  
Brown's Business College is at home  
during Christmas.

Marguerite Heaton of Whipple  
College is enjoying the holidays at  
home.

ELLIOTT STATE BANK  
Christmas Savings Clubs.FRANKLIN INDEES WON  
FROM NEW BERLIN

Defeated New Berlin on Her Home  
Floor by a Score of 21 to 17—  
Game Went Over Time—Seymour  
Starred for Franklin.

Franklin's independent basketball  
tossers added another scalp to their  
belt Wednesday evening when they  
defeated the fast New Berlin inde-  
pendent team by a score of 21 to 17  
on the New Berlin floor.

The game was fast thruout but  
clean, only two fouls being com-  
mitted. At the end of the second half  
the score was tied 17 to 17. The re-  
feree ordered a five minute over-  
time period and Franklin grabbed the ba-  
con by making two field goals.

For New Berlin the work of Berg-  
schneider, Snodgrass and Bartholo-  
mew featured. Seymour and Beer-  
up were stars in Franklin's offense  
while the guarding of Wynn, Gray  
and Burnett also stood out promi-  
nently. The score:

New Berlin	FG.	FT.	TP.
Robertson, F.	1	3	3
Beerup, F.	2	0	4
H. Teaney, F.	1	0	2
W. Teaney, F.	1	0	2
Seymour, C.	5	1	11
Stewart, C.	0	0	0
Wynn, G.	1	0	2
Burnett, G.	0	0	0
Gray, G.	0	0	0
Totals	18	1	17
Franklin	FG.	FT.	TP.
Beerup, F.	2	0	4
H. Teaney, F.	1	0	2
W. Teaney, F.	1	0	2
Seymour, C.	5	1	11
Stewart, C.	0	0	0
Wynn, G.	1	0	2
Burnett, G.	0	0	0
Gray, G.	0	0	0
Totals	10	1	21

Referee, Roesch; Timers, Wash-  
burn and Eislle.

## Grab sale at Obermeyer's.

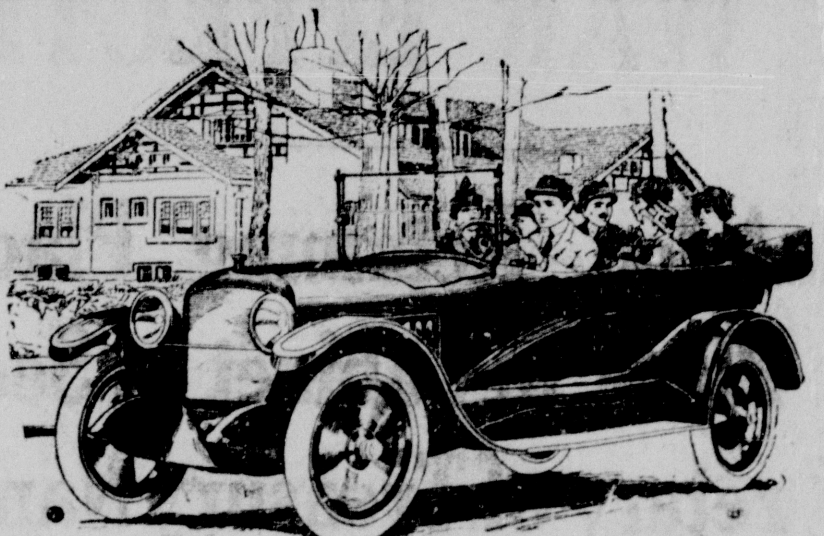
## WILL FILED.

The will of the late Philip Hack-  
man was filed yesterday for probate  
in the office of the county clerk.  
This document was drawn May 17,  
1917, with R. T. Cassell and James  
Stout as witnesses. The will ap-  
points Eleza C. Hackman and Zella  
Daub (now Mrs. J. T. Hoffman) as  
the executrices. It is directed that  
after the payment of debts the  
executrices hold all of the real estate

## Elliott State Bank

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Savings  
Club

## Elliott State Bank

SEE THE  
ROSS "EIGHT"

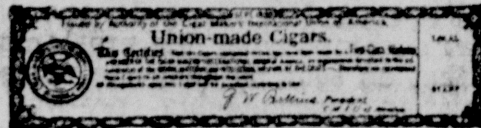
The Specially Designed  
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linder Herschell-Spill-  
man motor, "V" type.  
80 h. p. Long wheel  
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tary and Healthful  
Conditions.

except part of lot 17 in Capps &  
Lambert's addition and divide the  
proceeds between Anna Hackman  
and the executrices. Following the  
death of the sisters of the deceased,  
the income of the property described  
as lot 17 in Capps & Lambert's ad-  
dition will be paid to Patti Whitlock  
Drunk, niece of the deceased. Event-

ually the property other than this  
lot will become a part of the estate  
of the surviving sister or surviving  
executrix.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinners and  
daughter of the vicinity of Mere-  
dosa rode to the city in their Chev-  
rolet car yesterday.

## Scott's Theatre

One of the New Greater Paramount Pictures  
THURSDAY and FRIDAY

The Irresistible  
MARGUERITE CLARK

—in—  
BAB'S DIARY

A SUB-DEB is a "flapper". That is American for an en-  
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ning Post fame to perfection. She is the popular ideal  
of young and old America—an engaging, sweetly femi-  
nine—not to say cute—little girl. "Bab's Diary" will be  
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Afternoon Shows—1:30, 3:00, 4:30  
Night Shows—7:00, 8:30, 10:00

Adults, 20c; Children, 10c. That includes your war tax.

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200 a. one mile market, no improvements; \$200 per acre.  
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THREE BIG ACTS OF VAUDEVILLE

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One Show Thursday and Friday Nights—Pictures, 7:30;

Vaudeville, 9:00

wo Shows Saturday Night—Pictures, 6:30; Vaudeville, 7:45;

Pictures, 8:30; Vaudeville, 9:45.



## CITY AND COUNTY

Newton Gish of Carrollton was a city visitor yesterday.

William Charlesworth was over to the city from Aremworth yesterday. Clay Evans was a city arrival from Winchester yesterday.

E. D. Keiner was up to the city from Murrayville yesterday.

O. H. Barker of Orleans was a visitor with city friends yesterday.

Fred Still made a trip from Murrayville to the city yesterday.

Miss Grace McCall of Alexander was a traveler to the city yesterday.

W. L. Steer of Detroit is enjoying a visit in the city with some friends. Stanley Woodall of Pisgah was a caller on city people yesterday.

Thomas H. Ryan of Franklin rode to the city in his Buick car yesterday.

P. J. Crotty of Woodson was a traveler to the city yesterday.

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In attractive packages at  
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## PEACOCK INN

South Side Square

H. A. Wright of Franklin was among the city callers yesterday.

Spencer Phillips north of the city was a visitor in town yesterday.

W. E. McCurley of Woodson made a business trip to the city yesterday.

Henry Sutter of New Berlin was a city caller yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mahan of Sinclair visited city friends yesterday.

Walter Bretz of Springfield made a business trip to the city yesterday.

Edgar Eador of Franklin was a caller in the city yesterday.

Ernest Laboyteaux visited friends in Chapin yesterday.

Miss Lucille Knox was up to the city from White Hall yesterday.

George Corington of New Berlin called on city friends yesterday.

Roy Dyer helped represent Murrayville in the city yesterday.

John Overt of Woodson was one of the city arrivals yesterday.

Thomas Doyle of Murrayville called on city people yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Crouse were among the city arrivals yesterday.

Allen Howard of Bluffs traveled to the city on business yesterday.

W. Rexroat of Aremworth spent Christmas in the city.

Oscar Pevy of Litterberry was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Carl Spargenberg and family went to White Hall to enjoy the holidays.

Charles Black, north of the city was a visitor in town yesterday.

Jesse Butler of Woodson precinct called on city people yesterday.

Fred Fisk of Havana was among the city arrivals yesterday.

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Dried Apricots, lb. . . . . 15c  
Red Beans, lb. . . . . 15c  
Mexican Beans . . . . . 2 lbs. for 25c  
Pumpkin Flour just received . . 10 lb. bag for 80c  
Chewing Gum, box of 20 packages for . . 65c  
Fresh Country Sausage and Hogs Heads.  
Home Made Mince Meat. Fresh Creamery Butter.  
All kinds of Dressed Poultry for Christmas.

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William J. Howden of Louisiana, Mo., spent Christmas with his son, Earl W. Howden and wife.

C. J. Loomis of Joliet was attending to business matters in the city yesterday.

V. E. Robertson of Virginia was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Dorsey McPherson of the vicinity of Murrayville was a city caller yesterday.

H. A. Naylor of Meredosia traveled to the city in his Reo car yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peak of Winchester were among the city shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Altag and A. F. Altag were city callers from Strasburg, Ill. yesterday.

Thomas Molyers of Springfield was a traveler to the city yesterday.

Harvey Grider of Nortonville was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Murphy of Chandlerville were city guests yesterday.

John Tendick, a well known and elderly citizen of Murrayville visited the city yesterday.

Lee Davis employed in Detroit, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Etta Davis on East North street.

Norman Campbell of Merritt was among the callers in the city yesterday.

Allen Russel of the south part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Dan Wintler of Woodson was attending to affairs in the city yesterday.

John Seymour of Franklin made a business trip to the city yesterday.

Frank Grider of the southeast part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howe, son and daughter, were up to the city from Winchester yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips of the east part of the county were city callers yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cleary of the northeast part of the county called in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lawson of Franklin were city shoppers yesterday.

John Daniels of the north part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Carl Campbell of Meredosia was a shopper with Jacksonville merchants yesterday.

Miss Elouise Markham of Springfield made a trip to the city yesterday.

Miss Laura Boylan is here from Bloomington for a visit with home folks.

Miss Minnie Wyatt of New Berlin was added to the list of city shoppers yesterday.

S. K. Spradlin of the vicinity of Sinclair was a caller in the city yesterday.

Raymond Fanning of York Creek, Nebraska, was a visitor with city people yesterday.

Richard Butler of the south part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Daniels of Arcadia were down to the city yesterday.

Christian Horner of the northeast part of the county was a city caller yesterday.

Lester Lamkuehler of Franklin rode to the city in his Ford car yesterday.

Bert Rawlings of the southeast part of the county made a trip to town yesterday in his Mitchell car.

Calvin Lawson of the east part of the county rode to the city yesterday in his Buick car.

Marion Spies rode up to the city from Franklin yesterday in his Ford car.

William Kloeppel of Alexander made a trip to the city yesterday in his Overland car.

Miss Ida Deere rode up to town from Franklin in her Overland car yesterday.

J. W. Hoagland journeyed from Woodson to the city yesterday in his Overland car.

Miss Frances Sheehan of the Woolworth Co. 5 and 10 cent store is sick at her home on Hardin avenue.

A. W. Plummer of Kansas, Ill., was attending to his interests in the city yesterday.

W. S. Dickason of White Hall spent Christmas with friends in Jacksonville.

F. L. Hangerford of the vicinity of Nortonville was a caller on city friends yesterday.

Gerald Ransdell of the southwest part of the county was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Miss Clara Devlin of Springfield enjoyed Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Charles Devlin of this city.

Edward Devlin is down from Peoria for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Devlin.

Charles Lucht has returned to Nebo after a visit with his mother in this city.

Mrs. Florence Ransom and two daughters are over from Beardstown for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ticknor near Markham.

Everett Oliver and wife of Chicago are in the city visiting Mrs. Oliver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, North Fayette street, and other friends and relatives.

Mrs. Chester Gaither of Winchester was a Christmas visitor in the city with her mother, Mrs. Edward Woodman on Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Stein enjoyed Xmas with Mrs. Stein's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Berry of this city.

Herbert, Earl and Ralph Cushman of Altan visited at the home of William Bishop near Arnold Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hayes have returned to their home in Bloomington after a visit with Mrs. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Meany of this city.

Ray Woods has returned to Chicago after enjoying the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woods on West College avenue.

Donald Butler and Leo Clancy are home on a five days furlough from Jefferson Barracks, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark of Litterberry spent Christmas with Mrs. Clark's father, Mr. W. B. Rexroat on East College avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wagner of Hillview enjoyed the holiday with Mr. Wagner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wagner of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McHatten went to Chandlerville to enjoy Christmas with Mrs. McHatten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Crum and daughter rode down to the city from Litterberry yesterday in their Ford car.

Samuel Coultas is in Winchester with his mother, Mrs. Oliver Coultas who fell recently and injured her self.

Paul M. Kirkpatrick and wife of Belleflower, Illinois, are Christmas week visitors with Mr. Kirkpatrick's parents, Rev. and Mrs. James O. Kirkpatrick of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ball and daughter, Miss Lucy, will leave today for San Antonio, Texas, where they will remain the rest of the winter months.

Howard McKean of Woodson was in the city yesterday waiting to be transferred to his station in the quartermaster's department at Jacksonville, Florida.

A clerk in a prominent store said he had made 32 changes of Christmas gift articles up to 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and didn't know how many more would come in before dark. Sensible gifts were largely used this year.

Louis Huffmeier and Rudolph Duvendack, both of the vicinity of Meredosia were in the city yesterday on their way back to Camp Taylor after a Christmas visit home.

Mr. H. H. Stevenson of 314 North Main street received a lovely box of fruit for Christmas yesterday from his son in Ballston, Oregon. The gift was greatly appreciated.

William N. Hairgrove returned home Wednesday from Missouri where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Eugene B. Harlow, a prominent resident of Kingman, Kans., is in Jacksonville for a brief visit and is a guest at the home of George S. Rogers on Lockwood Place.

George Ruble of Alexander has brought his wife to Our Savior's hospital for the second time. She left the hospital three weeks ago hoping to be able to stay at home but had to return.

Miss Alice Dawson of Golconda and Henry Weesly of Bloomington spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brannon on East College avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Adams of Bushnell were in the city yesterday on their way to Strawn's Crossing to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell.

Miss Frances Hall, head saleslady in the hosiery department in the Willis dry goods store at Champaign enjoyed the great holiday with Mrs. Lucht of this city.

E. Megginson is here from Eureka to make a holiday visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Megginson of the Woodson neighborhood.

Joseph and Louis Fernandes have returned from St. Louis, where they went to attend the funeral of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Fernandes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of the force at J. Herman's ready to wear and millinery store, has gone to St. Louis, Indiana, to visit her son and wife and get acquainted with her little granddaughter.

J. C. Lathrop of Chicago is making a brief visit at the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. H. White, on Prospect street. Mr. Lathrop has property in Winchester and is down from Chicago on that account.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoelscher and children went over to Beardstown to enjoy Christmas with Mrs. Hoelscher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hoelscher returned to his duties in Tomlinson's clothing store, leaving his family for a visit of a week or two longer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of this city sought the home of Mrs. Wagner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lockhart, near Alexander and with their children spent a pleasant Christmas. Miss Mary Coleman was also of the party.

Miss Caroline Smith has returned from Chicago where she visited her sister, Mrs. James Odell. She brought back her little niece, Lucille May Odell, for a visit here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith on Freedman street.

L. P. McClarren, editor of the Rock Island Union, spent Christmas in Jacksonville the guest of his daughter who is a student at the School for the Blind. Mr. McClarren has been in the newspaper business for a number of years and his services are greatly valued by the paper with which he is now connected.

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"By the president of the United States of America.  
"A proclamation.

"Whereas, the congress of the United States, in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them, by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives bearing date April 6, 1917, resolved,

"That the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared and that the president be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial German government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States.

"And by joint resolution bearing date of December 1917, resolved:

"That a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government and that the president be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States.

"And whereas it is provided by section 1 of the act provided August 29, 1916, entitled an act making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes as follows:

"The president, in time of war, is empowered thru the secretary of war to take possession and assume control of any system or systems of transportation or any part thereof and to utilize the same, to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of all other traffic thereon, for the transfer or transportation of troops, war material and equipment, or for such other purposes connected with the emergency as may be needful or desirable.

"And whereas it has now become necessary in the national defense to take possession and assume control of certain systems of transportation and to utilize the same to the exclusion as far as may be necessary of other than war traffic thereon, for the transportation of troops, war material and equipment therefore and for other needful and desirable purposes connected with the prosecution of the war:

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the foregoing resolutions and statute and by virtue of all other powers thereto me enabling do, hereby, thru Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, take possession and assume control at 12 o'clock noon on the Twenty Eighth Day of December, 1917, of each and every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereof located wholly in part within the boundaries of the continental United States and consisting of railroads owned or controlled systems of coastwise and inland transportation engaged in general transportation whether operated by steam or by electric power, including also terminals, terminal companies, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private lines, elevators, warehouses, telegraph and telephone lines and all other equipment and appurtenances commonly used upon or operated as a part of such rail or combined rail and water systems of transportation; to the end that such systems of transportation be utilized for the transfer and transportation of troops, war material and equipment to the exclusion so far as may be necessary of all the traffic thereon and that so far as such exclusive use be not necessary or desirable such systems of transportation be operated and utilized in the performance of such other services as the national interest may require and of the usual and ordinary business and duties of common carriers.

"It is hereby directed that the possession, control, operation and utilization of such transportation systems hereby by me undertaken shall be exercised by and thru William G. McAdoo, who is hereby appointed and designated director of railroads. Said director may perform the duties imposed upon him, so long and to such extent as he shall determine thru the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of said systems of transportation. Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time by general or special orders otherwise provide, the boards of directors, receivers, officers and employees of the various transportation systems shall continue the operation thereon in the usual and ordinary course of the business of common carriers in the names of their respective companies.

"Until and except so far as said director shall from time to time otherwise by general or special orders determine, such systems of transportation shall remain subject to all existing statutes and orders of the Interstate Commerce commission and to all statutes and orders of regulating commissions of the various states in which said systems or any part thereof may situated. But any orders, general or special, hereafter made by said director shall have paramount authority and be obeyed as such.

"Nothing herein shall be construed affecting the possession, operation and control of street electric passenger railways including railways to be or be not owned or controlled by such railway companies or systems. By subsequent order and proclamation if and when it shall

found necessary or desirable, possession, control or operation may be taken of all or any part of such street railway systems, including subways and tunnels; and by subsequent order and proclamation, possession, control and operation in whole or in part may also be relinquished to the owners thereof of any part of the railway systems or rail and water systems, possession and control of which are hereby assumed.

"The director shall as soon as may be after having assumed such possession and control enter upon negotiations with the several companies looking to agreements for just and reasonable compensation for the possession, use and control of their respective properties on the basis of an annual guaranteed compensation above accruing depreciation and the maintenance of their properties, equivalent, as nearly as may be, to the average of the net operating income, thereof for the three year period ending June 30, 1917—the results of such negotiations to be reported to be for such action as may be appropriate and lawful.

"But nothing herein contained, expressed or implied, or hereafter done or suffered hereunder shall be deemed in any way to impair the rights of the stockholders, bondholders, creditors and other persons having interests in said systems of transportation or in the profits thereof to receive just and adequate compensation for the use and control and operation of their property hereby assumed.

"Regular dividends hitherto declared and maturing interest upon bonds, debentures and other obligations, may be paid in due course; and such regular dividends and interest may continue to be paid until and unless the said director shall from time to time by general or special orders determine; and subject to the approval of the director the various carriers may agree upon and arrange for the renewal and extension of maturing obligations.

"Except with the written assent of the said director no attachment by mesne process or on execution shall be levied on or against any of the property used by any of the said transportation systems in the conduct of their business as common carriers; but suits may be brought by and against said carriers and judgments rendered as hitherto until and except so far as said director may, by general orders, otherwise determine.

"From and after twelve o'clock on said twenty-eighth day of December 1917, all transportation systems included in this order and proclamation shall conclusively be deemed within the possession and control of said director without further act or notice. But for the purpose of accounting said possession and control shall date from twelve o'clock midnight on December 31, 1917.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done by the president, thru Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in the District of Columbia this 26th day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen and of Independence of the United States, the One Hundred and Forty Second.

"Woodrow Wilson.  
Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.  
"By the President,  
Robert Lansing, Secretary of State."

**Rate Questions Not Effectual**  
Washington, Dec. 26.—Rate questions including the pending fifteen per cent advance case, before the interstate commerce commission will not be affected immediately by President Wilson's proclamation directing government operation for railroads and the commission will continue to exercise all its existing functions.

An early decision of the eastern and western railroads' application for 15 per cent higher rates is now expected. The principal rate question now under consideration by the committee in addition to the fifteen per cent case is the express companies' application for a ten per cent increase. Some doubt was felt tonight as to whether express companies are included in the president's proclamation. They were not mentioned specifically but the president referred to "every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereof."

This was generally interpreted as including these companies, whose business is closely interlocked with that of the railroads.

In the fifteen per cent cases the railroads presented figures showing marked declines in net earnings this year and explained that the increase in earnings probably would not be sufficient to check the decline. This led officials to suggest that the government railroad administration might look with favor on higher rates since they would tend to reduce the amount which government operation will cost the public under the plan of guaranteeing pre-war earnings.

**Will Give Some Relief**  
Washington, Dec. 26.—The railroad situation has presented one of the greatest problems that have arisen to puzzle the administration in its prosecution of the war. Government control also not offering an entire solution for the perplexities will, many officials believe, go far towards toward relieving many transportation ills.

Five days after war was declared the heads of the principal systems met in Washington and formed a committee of five to direct the roads as nearly as possible as one continental system to meet war demands. The five men named were called the railroads war board. The war board has so co-ordinated war operation that the roads are said to be carrying 25 per cent more traffic than they ever moved before. Meanwhile traffic had grown to such proportions that the roads could not handle it and in the east in particular many terminals were congested with freight. The war board has declared that the only way to meet the situation is to deny transportation to non-essential products. The war board it is said does not oppose gov-

ernment operation. Nor it is said do the brotherhoods chiefs, who with the brotherhood legislative agents have an engagement to see resident Wilson tomorrow. At this conference it is understood the brotherhood leaders will ask that there be no measures taken which will set aside safeguards for workers.

One of the new directors guiding policies probably will be the elimination of duplication and resultant waste in operation.

Mr. McAdoo is known to believe that hundreds of millions of dollars can be saved the railroads and the American public by pooling traffic and facilities and that ultimately the greatest benefit will accrue to the railroads themselves. Secretary McAdoo now will re-arrange his treasury duties to release him from all possible details there, but he will give personal attention to all questions relating to government security issues. It is considered improbable that a large department with many employees will be created for the railroad administration very soon. The director probably will function thru the war boards organization.

**MEMORIAL MASS.**  
Venice, Tuesday, Dec. 26.—A memorial mass was celebrated in a Marco church today in commemoration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turk. The ceremonial took on unusual significance inasmuch as the Austrians had declared they would be in the Piazza of San Marco by the holidays.

**SECRETARY OF LABOR ILL.**  
Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today is ill from overwork on his long trip thru the west mediating labor disputes. It is not known when he will be able to resume his duties, but his illness is not regarded as dangerous.

**OFFICIAL DENIAL.**  
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—Andres Garcia, Mexican consul general here, officially denied today that troops crossed the line near Candelaria yesterday and participated in the raid. He said there were no federal troops in that section.

**AT FORT YUKON**  
Ottawa, Ia., Dec. 26.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, last heard from in a letter received in March, 1916, has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received by the naval department.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
I take this method of thanking my friends and neighbors in this my sad hour of my bereavement and for all of the beautiful flowers. These kind deeds will never be forgotten.  
Mrs. Allen Spahnower.

**ENLISTS IN ARMY**  
Lester L. Kozitz recently left for Camp Baker to enlist in the army service. A letter to his mother states that he successfully passed the examinations and is now a full fledged soldier.

**TO REVISE HISTORIES**  
Montreal, Dec. 26.—With the object of bringing about even closer relations between Canada and the United States and between the United States and Great Britain the Fortnightly Club of this city has launched a movement for a careful revision of the school histories of these countries, in order to eliminate passages which might tend to create or perpetuate antagonism.

**VIGILANCE COMMITTEE**  
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Police representatives of practically every community in Cook county seat met today with Sheriff Traeger to form a vigilance committee in an effort to reduce payroll and bank robberies and other crimes.

Plans for spreading the alarm by telephone and arousing residents when ever a robbery is committed, were proposed by Chief Pilz of La Grange. It is planned to have all the members of the committee make a study of roads in the county and vicinity as to bar every avenue of escape by bandits.

**LYNNVILLE**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburn and grandchildren and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coultas and daughter left Saturday for Springfield to spend Christmas.

Dr. Brengle of Winchester was called to our village Saturday by Foster Sheppard who has been sick for several days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Watson, a little daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duckwall spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Duckwall and family.

Miss Walker, teacher at Elm Grove school, expects to spend the holidays at her home near Springfield.

Miss Nellie Hagen entertained several of her friends at an oyster supper Saturday night.

**—YOUNGBLOOD—**  
Mrs. Alice McLaughlin and daughter Florence, who have been ill for several days, are slightly improved.

John Snyder of Alexander visited friends in this neighborhood one day recently.

Mrs. Anna Nickols and son Charles of Wood River spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Covey.

Robert Nevins was a Murrayville visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dalton were Jacksonville visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miskell and son Vernon returned to their home in Jacksonville after a week's stay at the home of Mrs. Miskell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Dalton.

Several from here attended a dance Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Seymour of the Durbin neighborhood.

In scoring 162 points the past season, Ingram of the Annapolis football team equaled the record of Charley Barrett of Cornell, made in 1914.

## ROBERT WOODALL'S HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

EARLY MORNING CONFLAGRATION TAKES WINCHESTER RESIDENCE

Fireman Make Hard Fight But are Unable to Check Fire Which, Discovered at One O'Clock This (Thursday) Morning, Gains Good Headway Before Department is Called.

Winchester, Dec. 27.—The seven room residence of Robert W. Woodall on South Main St. was totally destroyed this morning by flames which are supposed to have originated from the furnace flue.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. S. E. Thomas, who lives just south of the Woodall property about 1 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Thomas first saw the fire on the roof in the rear of the building around the chimney. She at once rushed to Mr. Woodall's home and endeavored to awaken the occupants of the house. They were sleeping soundly at the early morning hour and it was with difficulty that Mrs. Thomas succeeded in arousing them. In the house were Mr. Robert Woodall, his children Irene, George Howard Woodall, Mr. George Howard, and the housekeeper, Miss Vida Clanton. They escaped from the burning building, but were unable to save but little of the furniture. The piano and one or two other articles of value were secured, but the flames had gained such headway that there was little chance of saving much of the contents. The fire department made a prompt response to the alarm, and made a hard fight in an effort to check the flames. The house and contents, however, was a total loss, the structure burning down to the foundation.

The residences to the north and to the south were sufficient distances from the burning building to be away from danger. Mr. Thomas crossed the line near Candelaria yesterday and participated in the raid. Mrs. Thomas to the south of the Woodall place.

The Woodall property was not a new structure, but was a modern home in every respect, having recently been remodeled by Mr. Woodall. He installed a new furnace last spring. The house was a one story frame building of about seven rooms. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The sympathy of the community is with Mr. Woodall in the loss of his home.

**FOR PATRIOTIC WORK.**

New York, Dec. 26.—Organization of a "National Patriotic Education Faculty" composed of university and college professors to aid the National Security League's campaign of "patriotism thru education," was announced here today by J. Robert M. McElroy, educational director of the league. It was stated that the members of the patriotic faculty would be released for patriotic work under full pay by their institutions.

**RETURN IN TAXIS.**

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 26.—Barred from the railroad trains because of congestion in passenger traffic, 13 national army soldiers boarded four taxicabs here today for the return trip of 212 miles to Camp Dodge. Their furlough expires tomorrow, and the troops expect to make the trip in time to report present on time.

**GOING TO DVINSK.**

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—It is reported that the German delegation that was expected in Petrograd Thursday is proceeding to Dvinsk instead, fearing that a visit to Petrograd would be misinterpreted.

There is an unofficial report which cannot be confirmed that the Russians have given the Germans forty-eight hours in which to accept or reject the Russian peace proposals.

**APPLICATIONS GRANTED.**

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The railroad board has granted the applications of the Canadian railways for a general advance in freight and passenger rates. These increases are, roughly, for freight ten per cent, in the west and fifteen per cent in the east. On coal an increase of 15c a ton is allowed.

**SURRENDERED TO POLICE.**

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 26.—William Finley surrendered to the police here today saying that he had escaped from the jail at Davenport, Iowa. Police have notified the Davenport authorities.

## Fuel Problems

It is a very difficult matter to get coal these days but we take the best possible care of our customers.

**SPRINGFIELD LUMP**  
and  
**NUT COAL**

Now Selling at  
**\$5 Per Ton**

Let us have your order. If we cannot furnish all the coal you want today, we can at least send enough to keep the house comfortable.

**Otis Hoffman**

Both Phones

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH CLASS GAVE PLAY

"The Farmerette" Drew Large Crowd Saturday Night—Science Hill School Gave Christmas Program Monday Night—Other Neighborhood News.

The Ruth Missionary Class of Union Baptist church gave a play entitled "The Farmerette," Saturday evening, Dec. 22 in the church basement which has just recently been completed. The play proved a splendid success and was enjoyed by a large number of people. The cast of characters:

Jane Wellington, sixteen and still unknissed—Esther Sample.

Jocelyn Wellington, fourteen or fifteen years old, The little Bugologist—Lula Bell.

Elnora Wellington, nineteen or twenty years old, a natural born homemaker—Mollie Harris.

Mrs. Beckwith, a woman sixty or seventy, an unfriendly neighbor—Mrs. Minnie Curry.

Nan Wellington, a dainty blonde of twenty-two—Miss Elsie Lucke, man.

Minnette Wellington Lawson, older than Nan and in good contrast, an admirer of soulful eyes—Mrs. Carrie Crum.

Gracious Ann Bean, a stout middle-aged colored "pussan," a belle in calicoes—Mrs. Mary Ausmus.

**Other News.**

Albert Curry and wife of Louisville, Ky., came home Saturday for several days visit with home folks. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson and daughter Helen of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardwick and son of Merritt, and Mrs. Samuel Wood of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, Leonard and Bernice Wood, all spent the day at the Curry home.

John Hoagland, wife and family of Woodson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dewart and daughter of Jacksonville took Christmas dinner at the home of Arley Hoagland.

Truman Gibson, Lyell Wiant, Lloyd Carter of Jacksonville attended services at Union church Sunday.

Miss Mary Phil spent Christmas at the home of R. R. Woods.

Samuel and Edward Bottom are ill with small pox.

Carrie Baker and Leda Buck spent Sunday with Ruby Harris.

Mrs. Carrie Crum spent Sunday with Lula Bell.

Little Helen Ausmus has been on the sick list.

R. A. Harris and Mollie Harris spent Sunday in Murrayville.

Mrs. Ray Kelley was a Jacksonville visitor Monday.

Misses Lula Bell, Esther Samples, Mrs. J. W. Bell, Carl Wilson, Harley Maize, O. W. Elmore, A. A. Curry, Mrs. Fred Cravens and daughter, Myra, Calvin Witham and son Ed, Mr. and Mrs. Will Witham and daughter Ruby were Jacksonville visitors Monday.

A splendid program was given at Science Hill school Monday evening. There was also a Christmas tree for the pupils. Miss Ethel Whitlock, the teacher, will spend her vacation with Franklin folks.

**ATTORNEY FINED.**

Chicago, Dec. 26.—George F. Vandever of Seattle, general counsel for the L. W. W., who was deprived of his pistol as he was about to enter Judge Landis' court room a week ago, was fined \$100 and costs today in the municipal court. Motion for a new trial was denied.

Mr. Vandever said he purchased the weapon in Philadelphia and that its presence in his pocket was a bit of absent mindedness.

**VESSEL BELIEVED LOST.**

New York, Dec. 25.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the United States shipping board for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advices received in shipping circles today from Nova Scotia.

## MATRIMONIAL

Adkins-VanLaningham

A very pretty home wedding occurred in the presence of a few relatives and friends when Mrs. Emma Hale VanLaningham became the bride of Mr. Thomas J. Adkins of Mason City. The marriage was solemnized at 5:30 at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Hamm, 744 S. Church street. The impressive ring service was said by the Rev. Myron L. Pontius. A wedding supper was served following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins expect to make this city their home.

## WITH THE SICK

Mrs. Howard Sheppard of 930 N. Main street is a patient at Our Savior's hospital.

Walter Hall, deputy in the office of Circuit Clerk Boston, is ill at his home on East College street and is temporarily absent from the office.

## GIFTS DISTRIBUTED IN ITALIAN TRENCHES

Venice, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Holiday gifts from the American Red Cross were distributed in the Italian trenches along the lower Piave today by B. H. Carroll, Jr., American Counsel at Venice. Huge bales of gifts were taken on motor trucks to the various commands. Each man received tobacco, sweets a handkerchief and other presents. The local commanders and their men were enthusiastic in their expressions of thanks, and the trip was a continuous manifestation of Italian friendship for America.

## TO PETROGRAD

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Berlin advices say that the Russo-German armistice agreement commission proceeded for Petrograd today. It is headed by Count Von Berchberg, former German minister to Greece and will endeavor to reach an agreement with the Russian authorities for the exchange of civilians and incapacitated war prisoners and also devise measures to restore relations between Germany and Russia.

## GERMAN CHRISTMAS

Geneva, Dec. 26.—Features of the German Christmas, according to news from across the frontier were women and children begging in the snow covered streets for food and riots in some of the towns. Only the rich enjoyed a good, but ordinary, dinner and for this they paid high prices as much as \$50. Most of the churches in Germany were closed owing to the lack of coal.

## BOY ELECTROCUTED.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 26.—Charles Moses, a 17 year old boy employed at the power house of the local street railway and light company, was electrocuted this morning. He was at work on one rectifier when he backed against another one, thus completing a circuit. Doctors worked over an hour in an effort to restore life but to no avail.

## REFUSE NEW TRIAL.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 26.—The supreme court today refused a new trial to Frederick L. Small, formerly a Boston broker, awaiting execution on Jan. 15 for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, at their home near Lake Ossipee, Sept. 28, 1916.

## CHARGED WITH DESERTION.

Moline, Ill., Dec. 26.—Wollmer Hansen and Peter Peterson, both members of Battery F, 123rd Field Artillery, were arrested here today with desertion from Camp Logan, Tex. The men, both Moliners, have been representing themselves as on furlough. They will be taken back to Camp Logan to face court martial.

London, Dec. 26.—The cost of living in Great Britain has risen 10 per cent since the war according to official figures presented in the house of commons.

## BRICKLAYERS TO BE MOBILIZED AT ONCE

Local Boards Will Select Bricklayers for Service with Aviation Section.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost-Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers, urgently needed by General Pershing at once.

Local boards are called upon to examine questionnaires now being returned and report as rapidly as possible on the number of bricklayers of draft age available for service. Only white bricklayers will be taken, either by draft or by voluntary induction into the military service thru local boards. They will be forwarded to the aviation section, Signal Corps at Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas. The purpose for which they are to be used in France, is not disclosed.

The order is the first application of the special occupational classification provisions of the new draft regulations. The bricklayers in any board's jurisdiction will be assembled in order of their draft number relationship to each other, but without regard to the men in any other occupation.

General Crowder's letter to the governors indicates that similar calls for skilled men in other trades are to be expected.

## GET HOME LEAVE FOR NEW YEARS

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 26.—Division headquarters at Camp Grant announced tonight that all men entitled to leave of absence who remained on duty in camp during Christmas holidays will be given home leave beginning p. m. Dec. 29 and extending to eleven p. m. January 2.

Lieutenant Col. F. A. Hickman today opened the board session for the examination of candidates for the third officers' training school who were named from the division. Five hundred men from Camp Grant will enter the school.

## YOUNG ROOSEVELT SLATED FOR PROMOTION

Washington, Dec. 26.—Among forty seven officers of the expeditionary forces recommended for promotion by General Pershing in a list made public today by the war department is second Lieutenant Archibald B. Roosevelt son of Theodore Roosevelt, who is proposed for a captaincy of infantry.

## RAID FITZGERALD RANCH.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—Mexican bandits raided the Fitzgerald ranch, between here and the river late last night and drove off all of the horses taking also a large quantity of provisions, according to a report received tonight. The raiders were believed to have been a part of the band which raided Candelaria yesterday and were attempting to get back across the Mexican border.

## AGREE ON PRICE.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A price to be paid by the government for silver in agreement with western producers has been agreed upon and will be announced soon. It is said to be satisfactory to the producers and will be about one dollar an ounce.

## RETURN BY MOTOR.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 26.—Several hundred soldiers from Camp Dodge returned today from their Christmas leaves spent at home, many having been compelled to make the entire trip, in some cases several hundred miles by automobile.

## PRESENT TO PERSHING

Paris, Dec. 26.—William Graves Sharp, ambassador, and Frederick H. Allen of New York yesterday made a Christmas present of an automobile ambulance to General John J. Pershing, the American commander-in-chief. The donor was Mrs. Edward Breitung of New York.

TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

AND EVERY ONE ELSE:

I have been treated very kindly during the year just closing. Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I am  
Yours truly,

TOM DUFFNER :: : The West Side Clothier



## OLD JACKSONVILLE

John T. Alexander

By Ensley Moore

(Member Illinois State Historical Society.)

Among the many prominent men Jacksonville or Morgan county has developed, one of the leaders was John T. Alexander, farm and stock man.

Mr. Alexander belonged to that race which has accomplished so much in the world—the Scotch-Irish. He was a native of West Virginia, where he was born Sept. 15, 1820.

### Son of William Alexander

He was a son of William Alexander, who was born in the town of Donncannon, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1797, his parents having moved from Scotland to the Green Isle early in life. William Alexander was married to Miss Ann Smith, soon after which they emigrated to Western Virginia, about the year 1818. There Wm. Alexander engaged in agriculture.

He remained in Virginia five years, when he removed to Jefferson county, Ohio, and remained there seventeen years. There he engaged in stock dealing, handling more stock than any other dealer of the time in Ohio. He took his herds to Philadelphia and New York, having to drive them across the mountains.

Incidentally it may be noted that Benj. F. Wade, one of the leading U. S. Senators (from Ohio) during Lincoln and Grant's administrations, began work as a stock driver's hand in Ohio.

William Alexander came to Morgan County, Illinois, in 1840, with his family of eleven children. Here he again became a large farmer and stock dealer. At that time he had only a capital of about two thousand dollars.

Here Mr. Alexander and his wife became members of the First Presbyterian church, and they resided latterly on the North side of East State street. Mr. Alexander died at the residence of his son-in-law, D. R. Fitch, here, Aug. 6, 1872, his wife surviving some years.

### John T. Alexander

got his schooling in the common schools of Ohio, which at that day did not afford the greatest facilities.

At the age of thirteen years John accompanied his father over the mountains to Philadelphia. In those days cattle were not handled in "bunches," they were driven in herds, and there are a good many people in Jacksonville now who can remember seeing droves of hundreds of bovines driven through our streets. Sometimes droves of horses were also seen here. But in those long ago days we had fences in front of our homes, else it would have been hard to keep the animals in the streets of towns.

John T. Alexander, at the age of fifteen, went along so far as his father was concerned, to the Eastern markets with cattle, conducting the arrangements along the route, selling his beaves, and carrying his money home in "belts" around his waist. This was one of the many ways in which men were built in those days. John also took to raising calves in his younger days.

When about seventeen years of age, John T. came to this state several times to get cattle to take to Ohio, as our dealers here went, later, to Missouri. When he saw the inviting prairies of Illinois the young man said, "for me good bye to the timber and hills of Ohio!"

He came to this state, with his father to live, and it is said that the first drove of fat cattle ever taken from this state to Eastern markets was driven by William and John T. Alexander.

When the latter commenced business for himself he had only a capital of one thousand dollars. But he increased it many times. He began his shipments of cattle to New York about 1855, and became one of the greatest handlers of stock in this country.

### Owner of Thousands of Acres

The time came when John T. Alexander was the owner of over thirty thousand acres of land, about eight thousand being in Morgan county, near the town bearing his name, and the rest in Champaign County; that estate being known as "Broadlands," near Homer. At times he handled by ownership as many as seven thousand head of cattle. His name was that of one of the greatest business men of the country, but he was as unostentatious as if he had only been the handler of "bunches" of animals. He was a master in the lines of his business, and his transacting, in some years, rose to the value of five million dollars.

Thus he became a great man in his calling. About 1865 he was at the height of his business career, but not long after he contracted his operations, and he died Aug. 22, 1876.

### Married Miss Deweese

Mr. Alexander, at the age of twenty-four years, married Miss Mary Deweese, daughter of Nimrod Deweese, of this city, who still survives him. They were the parents of eight children: two sons, John T. and William H., who are now residents of Chicago, and two daughters, who passed on some years ago. One daughter married Mr. Smith of Island Grove, and the other married Frederick C. Turner, son of Prof. J. B. Turner, of Jacksonville. A daughter of these Turners is now in patriotic work across the Atlantic. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander had another daughter, Annie.

John T., Jr., is now prominently connected with the Live Stock business in Chicago, an authority on such matters. He married Miss Arnie Reese Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus E. Ayers, of Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander live at Deerfield, a suburb of Chicago.

William H. Alexander son of the elder John T., lived here for some years, is now in Chicago, and married Miss Huffaker.

### Lived Here.

About 1857 Mr. John T. Alexander bought the residence of Mr. J. W. Lathrop, on West State street, this city, and made it his home for some years. Afterwards he went out to a farm north of Alexander, and built one of the finest country houses in the county, which was his last residence. The house he occupied here was that, since known as the Morris Collins—Lambert place.

### Liberate and Patriotic

John T. Alexander was a strong Republican and Union man, at the time of the Civil War, and active in support of the patriotic cause. He was personally acquainted with Lincoln and Yates, by whom he supported in their labors.

This sketch scarcely does justice to this big man among big men.

## BIBLE CLASS GAVE ENTERTAINMENT

Other Items of Interest from Concord and Vicinity

Concord, Dec. 26.—The Christian Bible school gave a very interesting Christmas program Monday night to a large audience. A treat was given at the school at the close.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hamm and family motored to Browning Sunday to visit Mrs. Hamm's sister.

Raymond and Dewey Tiemann are home from Gary, Indiana, on a Christmas visit.

Ruth Henderson came Monday from Eureka for a visit with home folks.

The M. E. school gave an entertainment Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGowan of Murrayville are visiting their relatives on the John Ham farm.

Mr. Hodge of Meredosia was visiting in Concord Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Fox is afflicted with rheumatism.

Rev. C. G. Cantrell preached on Christmas themes Sunday morning and evening.

George Johnson's children have the chicken pox.

The Christian church has been improved by the addition of two sash doors and a transom between the vestibule and auditorium.

Elmer Plank and daughter Ethyl were Jacksonville visitors Thursday and Alfred Brockhouse and family and Mrs. Ethelyn Plank on Saturday.

A series of revival meetings will be held at the First M. E. church in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig of North Prairie were visiting at W. H. Williamson's Sunday and attended church.

## NEWSY NOTES FROM ASHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wyatt and daughter Jessie Eulene of Nemansville spent Sunday with George W. Bailey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Grogan and baby of Lincoln are here to spend the holidays.

D. E. Wilson of Lincoln spent Saturday here.

Miss Maud Bradley has gone to Rushville to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Ada Shortridge and daughter Ethel are visiting in Jacksonville with Ray B. Shortridge and family on Hardin avenue.

Miss Elizabeth Gately was a Springfield visitor Monday.

Miss Alice Nottingham of Pleasant

Plains was a visitor here Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Sinclair Sunday, Dec. 23, a daughter, second child.

Miss Rose Keller who has been employed by the Western Union Telegraph company in the office of V. C. Elmore for the past year, returned to her home in St. Louis Monday.

Dr. D. S. Galt was a Springfield visitor Monday afternoon.

Charlie Glover of Springfield spent Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. Samuel Sinclair of New Mexico, Mo., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Smith for a few weeks.

William Stribling who is in training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, is home to spend Christmas.

Miss Virginia Beggs who is attending school at Perry Hall, Lake Forest, is home for the holidays.

John Beggs has returned from a week's visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. Ella Massey and daughter Mary of Decatur are here visiting the J. D. Turner household.

Mrs. Hugo Munzer of Chicago is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hexter. Mr. Hexter has been seriously ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bailey and daughters are visiting L. F. Jordan and family on Sandusky street in Jacksonville this week.

Miss Dorothy Fisher of Tallula visited Lois Wyatt Saturday.

Dr. George Satorius of Chicago spent the week end here with friends.

Misses Dorothy and Ruth Stribling who are attending school at Perry Hall at Lake Forest, are home to spend Christmas.

Albert Allen who is in the U. S. army is here for a week's visit.

Henry Bailey is home from Houston, Texas, where he has been in training and on account of ill health has been granted an honorable discharge.

W. E. Burns was a Springfield visitor Sunday.

Andrew Wright of Philadelphia was in our city Monday.

Mrs. George Taylor of Prentice was a visitor here Monday.

Chris Kavanaugh and Joseph Jenkins were Springfield visitors Sunday.

Miss Edna Robinson has gone to Pittsfield to spend the holidays.

Miss Zona Austin has returned to her home in Tallula to spend Christmas.

Ben Niebur of Chicago was a visitor in the city Christmas day.

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## CHRISTMAS AT EBENEZER CHURCH.

The Sunday school at Ebenezer church had a delightful Christmas entertainment Christmas eve. A beautiful program of recitation and song was rendered. The program was so arranged that only the little children gave the recitations, which were varied and quite appropriate. The music was provided by the Ebenezer Quartet composed of Charles Rowe, A. E. Williamson, A. Waitman and James Guyette. The quartet is always most cordially received by the audience which applauded them repeatedly.

Miss Myra A. Kirkpatrick also sang a beautiful solo, receiving the prolonged applause of her hearers. After the pastor had spoken of the value of Christmas to us and the delight it brings not only to the children, but the older people, he presented the subject of those who would not have a visit from Santa Claus and of those lands so greatly desolated by war where the children were starving and then proceeded to take a collection for the hungry children of the war ridden sections of the world. The offerings were, (including some handed in Sunday), \$26.00.

After the collection the appearance of Santa Claus was the occasion of much merriment. The Christmas Tree shone out with splendor and was literally glowing with the burden of offerings to many present. The Sunday school at this place has for more than a half century had a Christmas treat of sweetmeats and alto conservation was in the minds of all, the children, and indeed all the other members of the Sunday school, were given a treat.

The attendance was as great as the capacity of the church building. Wesley Chapel the other church on this charge, did not have a treat for the children and the Sunday school. They voted to give the cost of the treat to the hunger fund and offered \$22.00 or more to provide the starving children with food. One of the remarkable features of the offering was that the children wanted to give rather than be given to. The true spirit of Christmas reigns among these noble hearted folks.

The sun never goes down on the benevolence of West Jacksonville charge, whose happy pastor, Rev. James O. Kirkpatrick, wishes the happiest Christmas and the continued blessings of the New Year.

SPENT CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

William Alcott and Lloyd Reynolds who enlisted recently at Jefferson Barracks are in the city for a brief visit with relatives. They expect to leave Jefferson Barracks soon and probably will be sent to San Antonio, Texas.

Harold V. Gaines of St. Louis, who is employed there as bookkeeper for the L. Abraham Fur Co. spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Gaines. Miss Elsie Schmitz accompanied him.

## An Xmas Thought

The Yule-tide season is at hand. Almost everybody has certain friendly obligations which they feel should find expression in gifts of various nature, as a result the purse is crimped to a more or less extent.



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### WHITE HALL COUPLE OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tankersley enter in honor of Twentieth Wedding Anniversary.

White Hall, Dec. 25.—A function in observance of the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tankersley was held at the Tankersley home Sunday, the assemblage representing families well known and extensively connected in Morgan and Scott counties, as well as Greene county.

The Tankersleys reside just south-east of the city, and there were fifty-nine, relatives almost exclusively, present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tankersley, the honored couple; Mr. and Mrs. William Tankersley, parents of the former; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ozburn, Bert Tankersley, Miss Leila Linder, Mrs. Fannie Griswold, Harold Lorton, Miss Gladys Lorton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lorton, Mr. and

Mrs. Arthur McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ross, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hill, Miss Grace Tankersley, Mr. and Mrs. George North, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Griswold, Clifford Seely, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Tunison, Miss Cora Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Griswold, Kirby Tankersley, Miss Lorene Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tunison, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tunison, Loyal Seely Griswold, Russell McMahon, William Lyndon Lorton, Misses Marion North, Harriette Rhodes, Eleanor Rhodes, Margaret E. Rhodes, Martha Griswold, Charlotte Tunison, and Irene, Bessie and Hazel Griffith of Roodhouse, the latter providing music. William Lyndon Lorton, home on a furlough, gave an interesting and inspiring account of army life and Miss Lorene Davis sang.

### EAST UNION

Lester Hawkins and Mabel Daniel Married—Other News

Harry Gilmore and family and Charles Cryder and family spent Sunday with Wiley Cochrane and wife. Arthur Spencer, wife and son John and Lizzie and Israel spent Sunday with George Jones and family.

Misses Amy Jones, Margaret Simmons and Ione Hawkins attended the entertainment at the East Union school Friday afternoon.

Miss Ruby Herron of Roodhouse is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooley, and daughter Nona.

Harold Marsh and family of Roodhouse spent Sunday with Mrs. Bita Hawkins.

Henry Cain and family spent Sunday with Frank Chinard and family of Roodhouse.

George Jones, wife and daughter Amy spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lucy Herron and son Fred of Manchester.

Miss Dorothea Fridges went to Ardenville Friday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Harvey Hampton and family.

Lester Hawkins and Miss Mabel Daniel went to Jacksonville Saturday where they were married. We wish them a happy married life.

Miss Lillie Israel is visiting at the home of her uncle, Frank Israel and family near Roodhouse this week.

Lester Hawkins and wife spent Sunday with Vern Cooley and wife.

John E. Kirkpatrick, who is attending school at Evanston, Ill., is at home spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Kirkpatrick and friends.

### MURRAYVILLE EASTERN STAR HELD ELECTION

Officers Chosen for Ensuing Term—Large Number of Students Home for Christmas Holidays—Many Attended Funeral of Mrs. Jane Smith.

Murrayville, Dec. 25.—The members of the Eastern Star have elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. Ruth Robinson.

Worthy Patron—Clyde M. Fanning.

Associate Matron—Mrs. Mary E. Wright.

Secretary—Mrs. Iva Short.

Treasurer—Mrs. Carrie Strang.

Conductress—Mrs. Ruth Fuller.

Associate Conductress—Mrs. Marie Fanning.

Warder—Miss Dora Smith.

Sentinel—Charles Short.

Chaplain—Mrs. Jennie Clark.

Marshall—Mrs. Emma Warcup.

Adah—Miss Mae Cade.

Ruth—Mrs. Letitia Wyatt.

Esther—Mrs. Lydia White.

Martha—Mrs. Mary Simpson.

Electa—Mrs. Corrie Wright.

Pianist—Miss Mildred Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Robinson will be guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson of Jacksonville.

Warren Wright who is with the U. S. army in Merritt, N. J., spent Thursday and Friday with home folks here. On his return he was accompanied by his wife and daughter and Eliza Ellen as far as Delavan.

Mrs. Wright visited her brother C. K. Million and family there until Sunday evening.

A. J. Johnson and family moved to Roodhouse Wednesday where Mr. Johnson is engaged in the grocery business.

Donald Strang of White Hall visited relatives here Friday.

Mrs. W. W. Walker returned to her home Friday in Louisville, Ky., after several weeks stay here with relatives. She was called here by the serious illness of her mother Mrs. C. T. Daniel and grandmother Mrs. E. B. Irwin.

Messrs. Clarence Cunningham, Edward Clayton and Maurice Walsh of Camp Taylor are home on short furloughs.

Mrs. Mary E. Crouse spent Thursday and Friday with her sister in Jacksonville.

Leonard Patterson of Roodhouse visited home folks here Saturday.

Miss Emma Ausmus of Jacksonville is visiting her sister Mrs. Vernon Baker and family.

William Bunch and son Perry of Rimby, Alberta, Canada, came Saturday for a visit with relatives and old friends, as they formerly resided here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warcup entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and son, at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Sadie Kennedy and son Donald of St. Louis came Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother Mrs. Amelia Vertrees.

W. C. Neal and family moved last week to the house vacated by A. J. Johnson and family.

Mrs. Edward O'Connors is a patient at Our Saviors hospital since Friday, being seriously ill.

There will be an entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 28th at the Zion church. Program consisting of music and readings by the "Short" children. Also other musical numbers, and an address by the pastor, Rev. Peters. An admission of 10 to 25 cents will be charged and the proceeds will go to the Red Cross society.

Mrs. M. E. Layton of Jacksonville is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. H. McGhee and family.

Mrs. Ethel Johnson and children of Waldon, Kansas, came Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Cynthia Rimbey and family.

Charles N. Wright of Fayette, Mo., came Saturday to spend his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Wright and family.

Misses Cecile Cunningham and Grace Clark and Roy Clark of Wesleyan University are home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. L. Blakeman is the proud possessor of a new Kimball piano, a Christmas gift from her husband.

Mrs. R. T. Davenport and daughter of Jacksonville came Monday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Smith here Sunday were Joseph Alldridge and D. G. Smith of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Della Brown and Mrs. James Smith of Roodhouse; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Manchester; Mrs. Marcella Craig of Pisgah; P. R. Briggs and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ellis, Mrs. W. F. Fanning and daughter, Miss Mable and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Crabtree and J. H. Smith and family of Jacksonville and Mrs. Ethel Johnson of Waldon, Kansas. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends for the beautiful flowers and kindnesses shown them in their recent bereavement.

Messrs. Willard Wesner, George Kennedy and Dewey Mutch of Illinois College and Misses Edna Osborne and Mary McGhee of Woman's College, and Miss Alma Mutch of Jacksonville High School are home for their Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Clyde Moffet and Mrs. Bess James of Springfield came home Sunday for the holidays.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Chas. H. Hall, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Chas. H. Hall late of the County of Morgan and State of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will accept before the County Court of Morgan County, at the Court House in Jacksonville, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this Third day of December A. D. 1917.

Ernest A. Walbaum, Administrator.

Julian P. Lippincott, Atty.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN AT MANCHESTER

Sunday School Children of Methodist Church Give Interesting Program—Other News Notes of Interest.

Manchester, Dec. 26.—A Christmas program was given at the Methodist church Monday evening. The church was decorated in flags and evergreens. At the close of the program Santa Claus treated the children to gifts of candy and oranges.

The Program.

Song, "The Prince of Peace—Choir."

Prayer—Rev. Peters.

Song, "Down Thru the Star Lit Heavens"—Choir.

Recitation—Russell Lakin.

Exercise—Five Little Girls.

Instrumental solo—John Peters.

Recitation—Lucile Mellor.

Song, "Hail the Prince from Heaven"—Choir.

Recitation—Leland Wright.

Vocal solo—Enid Harrington.

Recitation—Ralph Akers.

Song—Children.

Recitation—Mary Wright.

Exercise, "For Jesus"—Boys.

Vocal solo—Bonita Harrington.

Song, "O the Wondrous Joy"—Choir.

Recitation—Edward Akers.

Vocal solo—Mason Dean.

Reading—Freeman Grant.

Song, "Some Happy Day"—Choir.

Exercise, "The Bethlehem Star"—Girls.

Vocal solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"—Ada Cummings.

Violin solo—Maurice Peters.

Tableau, "Virgin and Child"—Girls.

Recitation, "To Christmas"—Claude Harrington.

Mrs. Stanley Weis of Mattoon is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Andras, Sr.

C. F. Fahrkopf is visiting with relatives in Decatur and Hume.

E. L. Maine is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Coults and family in Crestline, Ohio.

Milton Thomas left for St. Paul, Minn., Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards were to Rochester, Minn., and thence to his home in Calgary, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rochester and Erma Lakin of Litchfield are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Saye of Jacksonville are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Andras, Sr.

### ZION

Mrs. Josephine Spencer spent Sunday with Mrs. C. E. Hart.

Miss Lydia Hart of Bloomington is spending her Christmas vacation with home folks.

Mrs. J. V. Breckon of Jacksonville spent part of last week with her son Paul Breckon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards were Jacksonville callers Saturday.

Misses Hazel Wood and Eliza Atkinson spent the week end with friends and relatives in Jacksonville.

Miss Beth Bracewell spent Sunday with Miss Lydia Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Loneragan, Misses Eliza and Ethel Atkinson, Hazel Wood, Ivalon Gibson, Claude Bolton, William Hart, Mr. and Mrs. John Covey and Mrs. Harry Rimbey were Jacksonville shoppers Friday.

There will be an entertainment at the Zion M. E. church Friday evening Dec. 28th. The Short family of Murrayville will give a musical program. The proceeds go for the benefit of the Red Cross. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

Mrs. John Butch spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Mary Slaughter of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Stella Rousey and son are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Covington.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas returned recently from a visit with her daughters in Prentice.

### CHAPIN

The farmers have had a very successful week, weather being fair and many bushels of corn have been cribbed.

Mrs. Alpha Anderson and son James are sick with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Cordelia Taylor is spending several days with her daughter Mrs. John Drake and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace and family spent Friday evening at the home of George W. Henderson.

Miss Eva Gray resumed her school duties last week. She was out of school for a few days on account of a serious cold. The pupils were kindly remembered with a nice Christmas treat Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knoepfel were calling on Mr. and Mrs. John Drake Wednesday evening.

Miss Nellie Callaway is expected home for a short Christmas vacation with relatives and friends. She has been in training for nurse at Macon Hospital, Decatur and will soon complete the course. The nurses vacation is like the soldier's furlough, of short duration, but much appreciated. Nellie is an exemplary girl and her many friends will be glad to see her.

William Fisher, Jr., is confined to his home with chicken pox.

Mrs. Dessie Smith called at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Drake the latter part of the week.

### MERRITT

Some of our farmer friends have finished husking their corn.

Several of our young people attended the box supper and entertainment at Riggston last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Owens were shopping in Jacksonville last Friday.

Hazel Mullen is spending the week with her mother in Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardwick and son Thomas M., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Curry of Pisgah.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Redshaw were Jacksonville visitors last Friday.

Last week Norman Campbell received a letter from his father who is spending the winter in California and he reports good crops and good prices for everything this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Owens and daughter, Violet Loraine spent Sunday with friends in Bluffs.

### BRIEF PARAGRAPHS FROM VIRGINIA

Items of Interest Concerning the Doing of Residents of Virginia and Vicinity.

Virginia, Dec. 26.—Wm. Devlin, who has been section foreman for the B. & O. S. W. for a number of years, has been appointed Road Supervisor for this division and will take up his new duties at once.

Mrs. A. F. Sielschott of Beards-town is the guest of Mrs. Roberta Stribling.

Mrs. Ed Bullard and children left last evening for Rock Island where they will reside. Mr. Bullard has been employed at that place for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cramp-ton of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gibson are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fernandes of Springfield.

Miss Hattie May Etchison is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Etchison at Sterling, Ill.

Mr. Harry Boyd and daughter, Nellie left last evening for Sterling, Ill.

Mesdames Raymond Treadway, George Maurer and Miss Christine Treadway and Thomas Underwood left Sunday night for Sterling, Ill., where they spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Ruel Crum and infant went to Springfield Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Mr. Henry Easum of Mt. Sterling was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Miss Olive Fielder of Richland is spending the Christmas holidays with her aunts Misses Lulu and Josephine Sallee in this city.

Mrs. Matilda Gore sold her farm in the Oregon precinct Saturday. The farm consisted of 120 acres and sold for \$81.25 per acre.

Emil Stieler who is employed in Chicago is spending his Christmas vacation with relatives and friends here.

Morgan Hogan completed a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hogan of near this city and departed Sunday for the Great Lakes Naval Training station.

Mrs. W. T. Trimble and son Harry and family of Girard are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Husted of Roodhouse are the guests of Mrs. Husted's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Treadway.

The collection at the M. E. church Sunday school Sunday morning was \$152.00, which will be sent to the Armenian sufferers.

Wm. Watkins who has been ill for some time is very low; his absent children have been summoned by telegram.

Ross Shields and George Kelch of Decatur were numbered among the business visitors in the city Wednesday.

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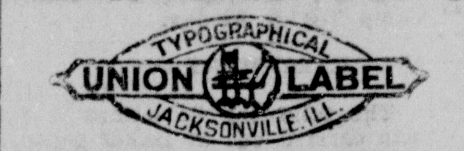
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The Business Office is open each week  
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dressed will call for your answer. The  
names and addresses of parties placing  
"blind" ads in this paper will not be  
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only.

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The Journal will take Want Ads over  
the phone as an accommodation to our  
subscribers with the understanding that  
collection can be made for the same the  
next day. If you phone a Want Ad in  
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tomorrow. The Journal cannot be re-  
sponsible for errors in ads taken over the  
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back over the phone on telephone orders.

## WANTED

**WANTED**—Baled wheat straw and  
stalk fields for cattle. J. W. Ar-  
nold. 12-15-17.

**WANTED**—Place to work on farm,  
by boy 16 years old. Address "B"  
Care Journal. 12-25-17.

**WANTED TO BUY**—A sanitary  
double top desk. Address "Desk"  
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**WANTED**—Experienced white woman  
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Hospital. 12-22-17.

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**WANTED**—A middle aged woman to  
do general housework in country  
hotel. Write or phone Cheseldine  
Hotel, Winchester, Ill. 12-27-17.

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—Vehicle storage, Cher-  
ry's Annex. 1-3-17.

**FOR RENT**—Houses always. The  
Johnson Agency. 1-1-17.

**FOR RENT**—7 room modern house,  
steam heated. Apply South Side  
Planning Mill. 12-15-17.

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house, west side. Call Illinois  
phone 1180. 12-4-17.

**FOR RENT**—Two furnished rooms  
for housekeeping, 464 South East  
street. 12-25-17.

**FOR RENT**—Nicely furnished  
housekeeping rooms. Separate en-  
trances, 329 South Clay. 11-11-17.

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213 N. Church. Call Mrs. W. D.  
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Groves, or City Elevator. 12-21-17.

**FOR RENT**—Modern 8 room house,  
202 South Prairie St. Call either  
phone 725. From 9 a. m. till 3 p.  
m. 12-5-17.

**FOR RENT**—8 room house, 137  
Spaulding Place; furnace heat,  
gas, electricity. Apply 116 Spauld-  
ing Place. Ill. phone 50-694. 12-20-17.

**FOR RENT**—Nice five room cottage,  
well, clean, good garden spot,  
good condition, newly papered.  
Park Place. Call Illinois phone  
1169. 12-23-17.

**FOR SALE**—Touring car cheap. Ad-  
dress "Car" Journal. 12-21-17.

**FOR SALE**—Graphophone. 333 E.  
College Ave. 12-22-17.

**FOR SALE**—7 shots. N. Diamond  
St. Leslie Vieira. 12-23-17.

**FOR SALE**—Large size base burner  
good condition. Address "Stove,"  
Journal. 12-23-17.

**FOR SALE**—A home with some  
acres. Address "Owner" care  
Journal. 12-22-17.

**FOR SALE**—Toulouse geese. Ill.  
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**FOR SALE**—Fresh cows, extra good  
ones. F. V. Correa & Co., Man-  
chester, Ill. 12-21-17.

**FOR SALE**—Registered Poland  
China boars. Ill. 747. Leonard  
Day. 12-23-17.

**FOR SALE**—Potatoes and turnips,  
delivered. L. N. James, Ill. phone  
86. 12-16-17.

**FOR SALE**—Single Comb Rhode Is-  
land Red Cockerels. Bell phone  
920-12. 1-1-17.

**PET STOCK FOR SALE**—Pedigreed  
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Write for prices. Edw. Stein-  
kuechler, 1228 N. 14th Street,  
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China males and Buff Orpington

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phone 174. Office 210 East Court  
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**PUBLIC SALE**—J. C. Henderson  
farm at Arcadia. 153 acres well  
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29, 1:00 p. m. B. F. and W. W.  
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improvements. Well located build-  
ing lot 141 by 160, sewer and gas.  
Call or address Chas. E. Correa,  
524 South Diamond St., Jack-  
sonville. 12-3-17.

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**LOST**—Rope between Arnold and  
Charles Magill's. Finder please  
leave at Arnold's Store. 12-27-17.

**LOST**—East of town Wednesday a  
suitcase. Finder please call Bell  
phone 926-4. 12-27-17.

**LOST**—Saturday, Sweater begin-  
ning, ball of yarn and knitting needles.  
Please call Illinois phone 558.  
12-27-17.

**FOUND**—Black pocket book con-  
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**FOUND**—Ring containing door key  
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and proving property. Lloyd Luke-  
man. Bell phone 932-12. 12-27-17.

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**Local Board**  
For the County of Morgan  
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Jacksonville, Illinois

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

**Under Jurisdiction of This Local  
Board Whose Order  
Numbers are Between No.  
961 to 1080, Inclusive.**

There has this day been mailed to  
you a questionnaire which you are  
required by law to execute and re-  
turn within seven days from date  
hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a mis-  
demeanor punishable by not to ex-  
ceed one year's imprisonment; and  
such failure may also deprive you  
of valuable rights and result in your  
immediate induction into military  
service and trial by court-martial.  
Date Dec. 26, 1917.

Miller Weir,  
W. N. Haigrove,  
Carl E. Black,  
Members of Local Board.

**Notice to the Public and to Regis-  
trants.**

Any person desiring to claim a  
deferred classification by either Local  
or District Board on any ground  
in respect of any registrant designat-  
ed herein may, within seven days  
from the date hereof, and not later,  
submit such claim to this Local  
Board accompanied by such affidavit  
evidence as such person may desire  
consider



**MRS. BEELEY CELEBRATED 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Entertained Children in Honor of Event — Primary Schools Gave Tom Thumb Wedding — Methodist Sunday School Entertainment.

Mercedosa, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Thomas Beeley passed her 75th birthday Sunday and in honor of the event entertained her children at dinner. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beeley and daughter of Princeton, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schmale and son of Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. George Schaefer and family of Grover Beeley and family of this vicinity.

Miss Kathryn McGinnis departed Saturday to spend the holidays with her sisters at Springfield and Lincoln.

Misses Edith, Nellie and Nettie Freeman of Jacksonville are spending the holiday vacation at their home in this city.

Royal Kratz of Bowling Green, Mo., arrived Sunday and spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kratz.

The Tom Thumb Wedding given by Miss Edith Bennett, primary teacher of the school, and her pupils at the high school auditorium last Friday evening was largely attended and highly enjoyed by all and is said by many to be the best home talent entertainment given in this place. Following is the cast of characters:

Bride—Wilma Mayes.  
Groom—Bryon Summers.  
Best Man—Charles Yost.  
Maid of Honor—Dorris Moss.  
Brides' Maids—Helen Nolder, Dorothy McLain, Pearl Tennis, Viola McDonald.

Minister—Eldrid Hedrick.  
Minister's Wife—Agnes Wilker.  
Ring Bearer—Delbert Jeffers.  
Flower Girls—Noami Lefever, Frances Mayes, Anna Price, Madeline Schmitt, Hazel Starr, Silva Rausch, Nadine Pale, Cora Beecup.  
Ushers—Harold Moss, Daryle Bushnell.

Ma Midget, mother of the bride—Dorothy Hall.  
Pa Midget, father of the bride—Othello Steinberg.

Ma Thumb, mother of the groom—Helen Christianer.  
Pa Thumb, father of the groom—Howard Elden.

Grandma Midget—Gwendolyn Berger.  
Grandpa Midget—Percy Elden.  
Grandma Thumb—Pauline Meyer.  
Grandpa Thumb—Edmund Jeffers.

Old Maid Aunts—Lucille Pond, Cora Jeanette Kinnett, Carolyn Pond.

Uncle of Bride—Hubert Unland.  
Aunt of groom—Virginia McLain, Vera McDonald.

Cousins of bride—Beryl Galaway, Corlita Kinnett, Opal Rausch.  
Old bachelor friends of groom—Dave McLain, Stanley Pond.

Loveland couple—Lucian Elden, Annabelle Hyde.

Invited guests—Dorothy Hall, Ardele Yost, Geraldine Oettle, Robert Hyatt, Pauline Rice, Charlie Ballard, Marie Cook, Glen Bealey.

Miss Eva Corbett, director of the entertainment deserves much credit for its success. The proceeds amounted to \$54.80.

Joel Scott left Monday for Carrollton to spend the holidays.

The entertainment given by the pupils of the Methodist Sunday school Monday evening was largely attended. The church was tastefully decorated and a large tree adorned the rostrum. The usual treat of candies and oranges was given the children.

The following program was rendered:

Orchestra.  
Prayer—Rev. D. L. Jeffers.  
Song—By School.

Welcome—Lucille Pond.  
Recitation—Charles Yost.  
Chorus—By Class No. 3.

Exercises, Gifts for Jesus—By Primary Class.

Vocal Solo—Beryl Galaway.  
Recitation—Pauline Rice.  
Recitation—Harold Hudson and Jacob Reuschler.

Vocal solo—Annabel Hyde.  
Exercise, "Once Upon a Time"—Mrs. Carrie Christianer's class.

Recitation—Byron Summers.  
Recitation—Evelyn Jennings.  
Song, Edmund and Delbert Jeffers.

Recitation—Dorothy Hamman.  
Antiem by choir.  
Exercise—Eldrid Hedrick, Harry West, Carl Yeakel.

Chorus—Class of boys.  
Exercise—"The Good Ship of Peace"—By Mrs. Emil Brockhouse's class.

Song, "Long Time Ago—Primary pupils.  
Exercise—Mrs. Unland's class.  
Chorus—Class of girls.  
Recitation—Laura Deppe.

Orchestra.  
Exercise—Mrs. Stark's class.  
Pantomime—"That Holy Night"—Mrs. Galaway's class.

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Remarks by the pastor.  
Distribution of gifts and treat.  
Benediction.

Miss Frances James spent Christmas day with friends in Versailles.

Mrs. Walter Pemberton and baby of Jacksonville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinners.

H. L. Lake of Chicago arrived Sunday to spend the week with his wife and daughters.

Miss Pearl Beauchamp of La Harpe is visiting at the home of Miss Eva Beauchamp.

Harry Ratigan of Exeter was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carden of Little Rock, Ark., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoner this week.

Mrs. Caroline Graham is spending the week with relatives in Bluffs.

Miss Elsie Dennis of Versailles visited with Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Bushnell Friday.

Mrs. Edward Wackerle and daughter Majorie of Jacksonville and Miss Nelle Ritschel of Springfield arrived Saturday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ritscher.

Louis Hoffmeier of Camp Taylor, Ky., arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoffmeier.

Miss Esther Deppe was a Jacksonville visitor Saturday.

Sherman McGinnis spent Saturday in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Omer Doyle and daughters Helen and June visited the former's mother, Mrs. Caroline Graham Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Campbell arrived home Saturday from a visit with relatives in Winchester.

Miss Marguerite McLain left Monday for Barry to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Howard Rhodes of Pittsfield arrived Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Unland.

Miss Lena Pienninger arrived Sunday to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. C. P. Hedrick.

Miss Rena Pond of Hammond is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nolden and daughters, Helen and Alice left Sunday for Beardstown to spend the week.

Rudolph Duvendack of Camp Taylor, Ky., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duvendack.

Westley Fitch of Illinois, Mo., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Fitch.

**PRE-INVENTORY SALE OF 250 GARMENTS AND HATS THIS WEEK. WE HAVE SELECTED FROM OUR REGULAR STOCK FOR THIS MARKED DOWN SALE—**

50 COATS.  
50 SUITS.  
50 SKIRTS.  
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**MORGAN**

A happy New Year to all.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coulson and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Coulson were business visitors at the county seat last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams and family took advantage of the snow and paid Bluffs a visit Monday.

Gordon Swettart was a Jacksonville visitor Thursday.

John Drake is all smiles over the little daughter, Ella Cordella, that arrived at his home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Anderson and family spent the evening last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams of the Markham vicinity.

Thomas Paschal visited at the home of M. V. Hutches Thursday.

Alpha, Anderson and C. E. Drake were in Jacksonville Saturday.

Paul Stone was a business visitor at Mercedosa Saturday evening, making the trip in his Ford car.

Harmon Rahe has been on the sick list but is reported better at this writing.

Miss Eva Gray is spending the holidays with home folks at Hadley.

Mrs. Charles H. Taylor was a Jacksonville visitor last Friday.

Charles H. Williams motored to the county seat Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hutches and daughter Ruth and Irvin Coulson, wife and daughter were Sunday visitors at Clyde Funk's of the Exeter neighborhood.

Miss Edna Hutches who is teaching near Bloomington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutches.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

The following letters remain unclaimed in the postoffice at Jacksonville, Illinois, during the week ending December 25, 1917.

Bellfield, Mr. J. H.  
Cox, Miss Lucille.  
Comos, Miss Lillian.  
Dorcy, Floyd.  
Douglas, N. A.  
Dorsam, Miss Nora.  
Elliot, M. J.  
Ferguson, Grace.  
Graham, Ralph.  
Graham, W. C.  
Harney, William M.  
Hagan, Frank.  
Jordan, Dora.  
Kennebrew, Mrs.  
Krim, Alme.  
Livingston, Mrs. C. J.  
Mathis, Miss Mable.  
Miller, Mrs. Ovis.  
Monroe, Marie.  
Peroney, Irene.  
Poland, J. A.  
Sutcliffe, Erie.  
Swindle, Mrs. Marie.  
Thompson, Harvey C.  
Walker, Miss Esther.  
Watson, Hazel.  
Wetzel, Miss Irving.  
Whiner, Mr. Halow.

Patrons inquiring about these letters will please say advertised, give date of list and pay one cent each postage due.

Ralph I. Dunlap, Postmaster.  
Charles Pickett of Hopedale was an arrival in the city yesterday.

**FORMER BLUFFS RESIDENT DIES**

Funeral Services Held at Bluffs—Churches Held Christmas Exercises

Bluffs, Dec. 26.—Short funeral services were held at the M. P. church Sunday at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. R. G. Curry of Lincoln whose remains were brought here Saturday evening. Deceased was the widow of the late Daniel Curry and died at her home in Lincoln Thursday evening at the age of 91 years. In her younger years, she was a resident of this vicinity and had a number of relatives here. Burial was in the family lot in the Green cemetery south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Hale of Farmer City have arrived for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hale.

Mrs. F. J. Robinson and son, Raymond and daughter, Miss Ruth are spending the holidays with relatives in Clayton.

Miss Helen Rockwood arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reid were Springfield visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halpin and daughter Catherine of Springfield arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Halpin and family.

Christmas exercises were held at the Methodist churches Monday night. The Lutherans held their exercises Tuesday night this making it convenient for the children of the other churches to attend.

John and Maurice O'Brien have returned to their duties at Camp Taylor, after a few days' visit here.

John Shelton of Woodson was a visitor with city friends yesterday.

**MISS LENA ADAMS IS SOLDIER'S BRIDE**

United in Marriage to Wallace Carter of Camp Taylor — Ceremony Said By G. W. Miller at His Home in Woodson.

Another war time wedding occurred Wednesday afternoon when Miss Lena Adams of Webster, North Dakota, became the bride of Wallace Carter, of this county who is now at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

The marriage was the culmination of a friendship which began while the groom was in North Dakota some months ago. While the engagement was known to the families and immediate friends of the contracting parties no indication had been given of when the marriage would take place.

Some time ago Miss Adams, who formerly resided in Woodson, came from her North Dakota home to visit friends and relatives in this vicinity. A few days ago Mr. Carter came from Camp Taylor on a furlough.

Wednesday the couple slipped away and went to Woodson where the ceremony was said by Dr. G. W. Miller at his home in the presence of only a few intimate friends and relatives. Dr. Miller is an old time friend of the Adams family and it was the desire of the bride that he perform the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Adams of Webster, North Dakota. The family formerly resided in Woodson where the bride has many friends.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Carter residing south of the city. He attended the Jacksonville high school and since graduation has been associated with his father in farming. He was in the first draft from Morgan county and

has been at Camp Taylor for some time. Mr. Carter expects to return to Camp Taylor Friday.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT BAKER SCHOOL**

The following Christmas program was carried out at Baker school: Song, "Illinois"—By School.

Recitation, "The Star"—Laura Schumacker.

Music.  
Dialogue, "Trials of a School-teacher."

Music.  
Reading, "A Tiresome Caller"—Lella Edelbrock.

Song, "America"—By School.  
Recitation, "No Room"—Elfred Detmer.

Music.  
Dialogue, "Aunt Ray's Cat."

Music.  
Recitation, "Lullaby"—Carlton Schumacker.

Recitation, "Santa Claus' Postoffice"—Marguerite Dickins.

Reading, "He, He's Our Hired Man"—Leona Brockhouse.

Recitation—Wilbert Steving.  
Recitation, "Willie Wildwind"—Katie Littig.

Music.  
Dialogue, "Christmas Night."

**CORRECTION**  
In the Litterberry items a few days since there was an account of a meeting of the Litterberry M. E. society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson and through an unfortunate error the name of the entertaining hostess was given as Mrs. Young when it should have been Mrs. Thompson.

Frank Robinson is down from Lincoln for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Robinson on North Main street.

# WINTER

## Care of Storage Batteries

When your car is laid up for the winter, when the storage battery is not in actual use, it requires just as thoughtful care as when it is performing its functions on your car. A battery standing idle is gradually charging itself, and sulphating. The danger of freezing is always present. We store your battery, either wet or dry storage. Dry storage is much the better plan, as your battery is completely taken apart, overhauled, new separators and acid put in, plates laid away dry, so there is no deterioration of the plates whatever during the winter.

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## Women's, Misses' and Girls' Apparel

Prices are radically lowered throughout, styles are distinctive, with a certain freshness and newness seldom an outstanding mark of usual reduction events of this sort. Variety provides for every winter apparel need of Women, Misses and Girls.

This, in a broad way, defines this sale. Its full import, the exceptional advantages it brings so opportunely, only a visit will reveal. We believe that this sale will meet every expectation and rank itself superior in its kind.

### Women's Suits Reduced to \$19.75 and \$15.75

Really exceptional Suits to find at such pricing. Some are broadcloth, others of burella cords in such desired colorings as taupe, brown green, navy blue, and in smart, simple styles.

#### Suits Reduced to \$36.75

Suits of uncommon distinctness fashioned of rich wool broadcloth. Exceptional values, \$36.75.

#### Suits Reduced to \$27.75

Suits of fine velours, of broadcloths. Note: In the women's groups a splendid selection of extra size suits, \$27.75.

#### Suits Reduced to \$23.75

In most desirable fabrics—broadcloths, burella cords, wool velours, gabardines in styles both plainly tailored and less severe belted, \$23.75.

### Women's and Misses' Frocks Reduced to \$13.25 and \$19.75

Frocks of satin with Georgette or all satin, frocks of taffeta in dark colors, all most delightful styles in interesting variety and even-ing frocks of taffeta and metal laces. Altogether these form one of the most interesting groups from point of style and of pricing—\$13.25 and \$19.75.

#### Frocks Reduced to \$27.75

Serge frocks, smart and simple, wool Jersey frocks in the lighter shades so much in demand, frocks of satins, of Georgette crepe and of crepe de chine. A notable grouping at \$27.75.

#### Frocks Reduced to \$31.75

Exquisite frocks in styles for afternoon wear, of satins, taffetas and Georgette Crepes and soft velveteens; touches of beading and embroideries and in dark, rich colorings, \$31.75.

#### Frocks Reduced to \$34.25

Every need in this group. Tailored tricootines and broadcloths of uncommon style, afternoon frocks of Georgette crepes and satins, priced at \$34.25.

### Women's Coats Reduced Radically to \$12.75

This group of Coats presents splendid winter fashions developed in velour cloths and chevoits. The colorings are those universally desired—navy blue, brown and green—the styles splendid for "all-around" wear—\$12.75.

#### Women's Coats at \$14.75 and \$19.75

At \$14.75 Coats of velour cloths in navy blue, brown, taupe, green and black. General utility coats of mixtures at \$19.75. In addition there are coats of pom pom cloth and a few of Bolivia cloth

#### Women's Coats at \$23.25 and \$27.75

At \$23.25 a splendid selection of Coats in pom pom, Bolivia and velour cloths of duvet de laine. At \$27.75 Coats with rich fur trimmings, in such fabrics as Bolivia cloths and duvet de laines.

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### Women's Separate Skirts Reduced Sharply; Now \$7.75, \$8.75, \$9.75

At \$7.75 Skirts of serges, poplins, plain colors, plaids, checks. Many in plaited styles.

At \$8.75 finer wool Skirts, taffeta Skirts, satin Skirts—many suitable for afternoon wear.

At \$9.75 plaid silk Skirts, wool Skirts, Skirts of velveteen in the colors most desired this season.

### Blouses Reduced to \$3.35, \$4.95, \$5.95 and \$6.75 Four Groups of Exceptional Interest

At \$3.35 Blouses of crepe de chine.

At \$4.95 Blouses of Georgette crepe in suit colors, beaded and embroidered; also a few in light colors.

At \$5.95 Blouses of dark color satins, Georgette crepes, both in light and dark colors.

At \$6.75 Blouses of fine French embroidered and Pussy Willows, really unusual values.

### Girls' Coats: Desirable Winter Styles—Greatly Reduced

Four Groups—\$2.95, \$5.25, \$6.95 and \$7.75

The pricing varies according to style. The values are, however, uniformly unusual. In the lower price group are splendid serviceable School Coats. Among the finer Coats are those of Broadcloth, fur trimmed.

The reductions prevailing are so out-of-the-ordinary that no garment selected from any clearance sale group will be accepted after purchase for credit, refund or exchange.

**Early Spring Showing of Frocks for Your Inspection**



## Social Events

### Family Reunion at Home of O. H. Cully.

Thirty guests assembled at the home of O. H. Cully, on Sandusky street Christmas day.

Mr. Cully is 85 years old but still enjoys fairly good health. A turkey dinner and all its trimmings as usual were prepared by his daughter, Mrs. Strawn. Those present were Charles Cully and wife, Homer Cully and family, Edgar Cully and family, A. D. Arnold and wife, Howard Cully and family, Mrs. Eva Strawn and family, Merwin Ater and wife, Ervin Cully, Lida Cully, Edith Ticknor and S. T. Maddox.

### Hold Christmas Gathering.

A Christmas dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elean Davis east of the city Tuesday. At noon a bountiful dinner was served, and after the dinner a Christmas tree was enjoyed by both the young and old. Gifts were received by all. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coom and family, Mr. James Balsey and daughter Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davies and family, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davies and family.

### Entertained Children at Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ledford of 204 North Fayette street entertained at dinner Christmas day in honor of their children and grandchildren. All were present except Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ledford and daughter Pauline of Springfield. A Christmas tree loaded with presents was a pleasing feature of the day. At the proper time Santa Claus appeared much to the delight of the children and the older ones as well. The day was one long to be remembered by those present.

### Gave Birthday Dinner in Honor of Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Maul of Litchberry, gave a dinner Sunday at their home in honor of the 18th birthday of their daughter, Miss Leila Maul. The day was spent in a pleasant way socially and with music. Miss Maul

received many presents and when the guests departed it was with wishes for many returns of the day. Those present were: Olive Hitchens, Pearl Davis, Ruth Ray, Gertrude Sorrells, Thelma Lier, Alma Devore, Lela Hall, Mabel Maul, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, Earl Davis, Ray Chapman, John H. Chapman, Floyd Martin, Floyd Hardin, Dewey Petefish, Neal Sorrells, Ray Maul and Roy Maul.

### Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Murray entertained a company of relatives Christmas at a four course dinner at their home in Virginia. The engagement of their niece, Miss Mabel Rexroat to Hilton F. Naumann of Peoria was made known, the wedding to take place in the near future. Miss Rexroat is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rexroat of Virginia and is a very accomplished young lady. She attended Woman's College, studying music and art. She also attended the Jacksonville High school. Mr. Naumann is the son of Mrs. C. Naumann of Peoria. He attended Peoria High school and Bradley institute and is a highly respected young man of that place. The dining room was decorated with candles and red roses. Misses Irene Helen Murray did the serving. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, grandfather and grandmother of Miss Rexroat from Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dinwiddie and son, S. W. Dinwiddie; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rexroat and daughters, Mabel and Rena; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Murray.

### Mrs. E. L. Rexroat Entertains.

On Saturday, December 22nd, Mrs. E. L. Rexroat pleasantly entertained at her home one mile west of Arcadia, about twenty five young guests in honor of her son Paul's tenth birthday. The hours from one till four were spent in games and music. The hostess served delicious refreshments. The table being decorated in red and green with a small Christmas tree as the centerpiece. Mrs. Rexroat was assisted in serving by Mrs. Hannah Rexroat, Mrs. Roscoe Goodpasture and the Misses Ellen and Ruth Deatherage. Those present were: Floy Clark, Irene Rudisill, Mary Rachel Thompson, Ruth Gish, Ruby Oster, Eula Thomas, Kathryn Rexroat, Theodore Thompson, Ireland Thompson, Everett Obermeyer, Richard Thompson, Walter Thomas, Fritz Ravenscroft, Orilla Thomas, Nel Thomas, Roy Oster, Donald Neill, Marjorie Stanley, Ellis Rexroat, Cecil Henderson, Eugene Rexroat and Paul Rexroat.

### Entertained at Family Dinner.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Miller 760 West North street was the scene of a pleasant family gathering Christmas day when a dinner was enjoyed and the usual festivities carried out. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. Parks and daughter of Old Mission, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. James W. Miller of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Keplinger, daughter, Winnifred and son Allan of Franklin, the latter now a student at Wesleyan University Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Keplinger returned home Thursday and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller who will visit there for a time before returning home.

### Entertained at Family Dinner.

Mrs. Jane Hunter of 803 South East street entertained at a family dinner Christmas day. There were about twenty five of the Hunter family present, all of the children enjoying the day with their mother. Among those present from out of the city were Mr. John Hunter of Litchberry; Mr. and Mrs. Van Hyning and daughter Frances of Beards-town; Mrs. Jane Hunter was the oldest person present, being seventy nine years of age, while little Charlotte Jane Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phelps, was the youngest, being two weeks old.

### Entertains Relatives.

Among the pleasant family gatherings Christmas day was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal T. Hopper, 511 South Diamond street. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion and the Christmas dinner served was of a generous kind. Miss Inez Cummings, a sister of the hostess, is ill at Passavant hospital and was unable to attend. Among the guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Profit of Springfield.

### At the Campbell Home.

A company of twenty one gathered Christmas day at the home of J. H. Campbell west of the city, for a family reunion and dinner. The day was one of great pleasure for all. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served and the hours were spent in a happy manner with music and conversation. Several members of the family were kept at home by illness. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKinney and family, Dr. R. R. Jones and children, Woodson; Mrs. Lizzie Dickinson, Portland, Ore.; Albert J. Campbell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craven, Chapin; Miss Katherine Craven and Miss Carrie Campbell.

### Gave Christmas Dance.

A company of thirty five couples enjoyed a Christmas dance at the Peacock Inn Tuesday night. The music was furnished by Randall's orchestra and the event was one of very great social pleasure. The dance was

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arranged by E. J. Christopher, Martin Cosgriff and M. C. Reynolds.

### Family Gathering.

Twenty members of the R. W. Megginson family gathered for Christmas day dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hembrough south-east of the city. A splendid turkey dinner was served and in the afternoon there was a Christmas tree and a live Santa Claus for the children. Holiday decorations were used and the scene was indeed a happy one. Six children of Mr. Megginson were present, together with eight grandchildren.

### Family Reunion.

Members of the family of G. A. Muchhausen enjoyed a reunion Christmas day. This is the first time for several years that all members of the family have been present for a Christmas dinner. The occasion was one of very great pleasure.

### Observe Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Henry celebrated their thirty fifth wedding anniversary in a quiet way Christmas day at their home near Woodson. Children and grandchildren made up the company and the day was spent in a delightful way. Dinner was served at noon and the guests remained until evening. One pleasant feature of the occasion was when Mr. Henry presented each of his four children with a \$25 check. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Rea and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry and daughter, Miss Margaret, Lawrence and Samuel Henry, Jr.

### An Aged Honor Guest.

In honor of Mrs. Carlton, who is nearing her eighty birthday, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shibe entertained a small company at dinner Christmas day. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Newton Flynn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Duffer and son Howard. Mrs. Carlton is the mother of some of those in the company and the grandmother of others, and all joined in paying honors to her. Some of the old china that she used when first married was on the table and there were other features which made the occasion especially delightful for Mrs. Carlton.

### Born Family Had Reunion.

A family reunion was held Christmas day at the home of Vinton Bourn of Grace Chapel, the company including the sons of William Bourn, together with their families. At the noon hour an excellent three course dinner was served, and a merry time was had at the dinner table. All united in the opinion that Mrs. Bourn is a good cook. After dinner there was a Christmas tree and Santa Claus with gifts for all. A number of musical selections added to the pleasure of the afternoon.

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### A HANDSOME GIFT

For twenty eight years C. H. Ward has been a representative of the Continental Fire Insurance company and in recognition of that fact this year received as a Christmas present a handsome watch fob from the company. It is engraved with his name and figures indicating the period of service. With the remembrance came a personal letter from the president of the company congratulating Mr. Ward and mentioning that the writer entered the service of the company in a very minor position 38 years ago.

### ELLIOTT STATE BANK Christmas Saving Clubs.

### CHICAGO LIVESTOCK MARKET

O. E. Green, with Walter Bros. Chicago stock yards, says: Receipts today, Monday, Dec. 24 14,000 cattle, 7,000 sheep.

With a moderate run of cattle for a Monday, value uneven. Common to fair 10 to 15 higher, good to choice 15 to 25 higher, no choice reported. 22,000 hogs and 250 calves, best up to noon 17.15. As Tuesday is a holiday, and some rail roads do not receive shipments, the outlook for active markets Wednesday and later are favorable.

The sheep and lamb market in little change.

### Coal now. Walton & Co.

### PROBATE COURT

In the estate of Grace Maupin, petition of the administrator for discharge was allowed and the estate declared closed.

In the estate of J. F. Covey, petition to sell real estate to pay debts was granted.

The petition of C. E. Marvin as guardian for the transfer of funds was allowed. The petition showed that Mr. Marvin is the guardian of Mary Lewis Marvin and that she is entitled to a one-twelfth share of moneys from the estate of the late C. B. Lewis. The amount, \$1,475.60 is now in the hands of the Morgan county treasurer.

### Grab sale at Obermeyer's.

LICENSED TO MARRY

Clarence C. Clark, Jacksonville; Opal Bell, Jacksonville; William Wallace Carter, Jacksonville; Lena Adams, Webster, North Dakota.

Ray Brakensilk, Carthage; Mary C. Geschwindner, Mt. Sterling; Thomas J. Adkins, Mason City; Emma B. Laningham, Jacksonville.

## DEATHS

### Robson

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robson of Sinclair died at the family home Wednesday. Funeral services will be in charge of the Rev. G. T. Wetzel with burial in Hebron cemetery.

### Shelton

John Henry Shelton of Woodson passed away at Passavant hospital Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock after an illness of several days. Deceased was born in Woodson April 20, 1838 and had resided in the county all his life. He was unmarried and is survived by one brother James W. Shelton of Woodson. Funeral services will be held from Woodson Christian church in Woodson Friday morning at 10 o'clock with burial in Shepherd cemetery.

### Chumley

Irwin Vane Chumley died at his home 509 East College street Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock. Deceased was born in Milton Pike county and was 26 years of age at the time of death. He is survived by his wife and one child, Maxine. He leaves his father and mother and two brothers, S. E. Chumley and T. C. Chumley of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. Edwin Johnson of Pittsfield; Mrs. O. G. Callender of Jacksonville and Mrs. Edward Smart of Montana. The remains were removed to the undertaking parlors of J. H. O'Donnell and prepared for burial. The remains will be taken to Milton Friday on the Wabash where funeral services will be held and burial made.

Mr. Chumley had been a resident of Jacksonville for a number of years and was employed as bookkeeper for the La Crosse Lumber Co. He was a man known for upright dealing and held the respect of all who knew him.

### Surratt

Nancy Adeline McDannald, was born Aug. 4, 1860, near Mt. Sterling, and died at her late home in Chapin, Dec. 15th.

She was married to John Surratt, October 10th, 1881. They were the parents of six children: Margaret A. (Mrs. John Flynn), of Chapin; Henry G., of Joy Prairie; Mary E., and James M., of Curran and Edward F., who died in infancy, and Lois at home.

Before her marriage she united with the Baptist church at Hersman. She was a kind wife and mother and a good neighbor. In addition to the children she is survived by her husband and five brothers, Thomas W., John C., Nathan, Nim F., Adam D., and Stephen D., and four sisters, Mrs. Susan Bell of Dayton, Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Wheeler of Hersman; Mrs. Rosetta Surratt and Mrs. Armina Surratt of Jacksonville. Her parents preceded her in death ten years ago.

The funeral was conducted in the Christian church in Chapin Sunday afternoon by Rev. L. Hadaway. Interment was in Jordan cemetery. The bearers were six nephews, Raymond and Thomas Surratt, Amel, John, Arthur and Sherman McDannald.

### Hymes

Died at her late home in Ashland, Ill., Sunday, Dec. 23, at 4:30 p. m., Mrs. Lydia A. Hymes, after a long illness. She was 86 years, 120 days old. She leaves one daughter, Miss M. Hymes and ten grandchildren besides a host of sympathizing friends.

Those who have watched the passing of this worthy lady have witnessed the closing of a beautiful life. She was one who was admired by all who knew her as one possessing many good qualities. She is not dead but sleeping. The gates have closed. Well done, thou good and faithful servant, come up higher.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 at Berea Christian church, Rev. C. E. French of Virginia, officiating. Interment was in Berea cemetery.

### Craven

Sandy H. Craven died very suddenly of heart failure at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. D. Gould, in St. Paul, Neb., Saturday, Nov. 24th, 1917. He was exceptionally well for the last few years, his sudden death coming as a great shock. Mr. Craven was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, Oct. 15th, 1849 being 77 years, 1 month and 9 days old at the time of his death.

When a small boy, he moved to Morgan County, Illinois, with his parents, living there until the spring of 1885 when he moved to St. Paul, Nebraska.

October 29, 1873 he was united in marriage to Jennie Walker, who departed this life in 1892. Impressive funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Gould, Rev. George G. Ware officiating. The remains were laid to rest beside his wife in the St. Paul, Neb., cemetery. Four daughters, Mrs. Clyde W. Norton, Mrs. Clark Pratt, Mrs. E. D. Gould and Mrs. Charles Werzler survive to mourn his death, beside a great many friends.

### Grab sale at Obermeyer's.

### EDWARD CLIFFORD HAS ARMY COMMISSION

Announcement was recently made that Edward Clifford, son-in-law of E. C. Lambert, who some months since went to Washington to assist Secretary McAdoo in the treasury department, has been commissioned a lieutenant colonel. Mr. Clifford's work in liberty loan connected with the first liberty loan attracted the attention of Secretary McAdoo and resulted in the request for the Chicago man to go to Washington to assist in further bond work. Col. Clifford will continue in the treasury department and will be active in the plans in floating other loans which war activities will make necessary.

Albert Curry, who was here from Camp Taylor for a Christmas visit with relatives in Jacksonville and Pisgah, returned to camp yesterday afternoon.

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The 1918

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## FARM NOTES

### War Savings for Children

The Tazewell County campaign to popularize war savings for children is meeting success. At every school and meetings of children in the county, the patriotic response of the young folks to save their money and invest it in War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps will be urged. Instances have come to notice that children who already had enough money of their own earning saved up last fall to buy \$50 Liberty Bonds. If some children could do that, all can save their pennies and nickels, so as to buy War Stamps. American children have the habit of frittering away most of the money that gets into their hands. This war savings campaign will do them great good in establishing the habit of thrift.

### State Stock Breeders at Peoria

The Illinois Live Stock Breeders Association meets in the Jefferson Hotel at Peoria, next week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The program is probably the best ever prepared. The horsemen meet on Wednesday and will hear discussions of the most perplexing breeding problems. The sheep breeders also meet on Wednesday. The cattle men and swine breeders meet Thursday. Tazewell County farmers are fortunate in having this state meeting held at

such a convenient place, and everyone who is at all interested in live stock production should plan to attend.

### More Corn Huskers Needed

With the advent of cold weather, so many corn huskers from the south have left for a warmer climate that some Tazewell County farmers are complaining of the shortage in help. Considerable corn is still in the fields because husking was started later than usual this year. This affords a good opportunity for the men who have the courage to stay with the husking even the weather is not pleasant.

### Percheron Inquiries

Many lists of Percheron horses for sale in Tazewell County have been mailed out recently to inquiries from all parts of the United States. One western inquiry calls for two carloads of registered Percherons. Some of the southern inquiries call for carloads of mares and for pairs of registered mares, which various parties plan to secure, so as to induce better draft horses in their parts of the south.

### WILL GIVE DANCE

Simon Blackburn and Warren Blimling have issued invitations for a dance to be given next Tuesday evening, Jan. 1, at the hall in Lynnaville.

## MORTUARY

### Rexroat

W. B. Rexroat of this city has received word of the death of his second cousin and brother-in-law, Lawson Rexroat, who passed away at his home in Macomb, at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was 66 years old and leaves his wife and four daughters, Lela, Mrs. Albert Burnham of Macomb; Alta, Mrs. Ernest Sherron, at home; Mary, Mrs. M. I. Burnham of Doddsville, and Carrie, Mrs. R. G. Finley of Macomb.

Deceased was well known and generally related in this county and was a man widely known and respected.

### Coal now. Walton & Co.

### FUNERAL NOTICES

Funeral services for Ernest M. Sibert will be held from the residence, 1236 South East street this afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. E. B. Landis, pastor of the Westminster church.

### MEETING OF MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The next regular meeting of the Mothers' Association will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 2:30 p. m. in the public library building.

## GROCERY PRICES REDUCED

By TAYLOR'S New Retailing Plan

Lenox Soap, 6 bars ..... 25c | Lux Soap Chips, pkg. .... 10c

3 lb. Can HOMINY ..... 9c | 1 dozen cans ..... \$1.00

## LARD COMPOUND

HAVE YOU EVER USED IT?

A Limited Supply,

Only 25c Per Pound

Compare This Price with Lard and Figure the Saving to You.

LOOSE WILES BAKERY CO.—PLAIN OR SALTED CRACKERS

20 to 22 Pound Box ..... 14c Pound

BULK ROLLED OATS ..... 7c Pound

FANCY COMB HONEY

23c Frame

3 POUND CAN STRAINED HONEY

58c Can

ONE POUND CAN CRISCO, ... 27c each; 3 lb. Cans ..... 84c; 6 lbs. .... \$1.68

WHOLE COD FISH, Average 6 pounds each, per pound ..... 15c

Chase & Sanborn Fancy Peaberry Coffee ..... 23c Pound

## TAYLOR'S GROCERY

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**FURNITURE**  
BOUGHT AND SOLD  
Upholstered and Repaired  
Also have a nice line of  
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**12th**  
**ANNUAL**  
**GRAB SALE**  
**COMMENCES**  
**FRIDAY**  
**MORNING**  
**DEC. 28TH**  
**AT**  
**9 O'CLOCK**  
**Twenty-five Cents**  
**a Grab**

Guaranteed a twenty-five cent article or more for every quarter you spend. Twenty-five cents may get you a \$15.00 White Ivory set.

## Armstrong Drug Stores

QUALITY STORES  
Two Stores Double Service  
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OLD HATS MADE NEW

Men's or Women's, by the

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Don't throw away that old hatin such times as these. The Carl System of cleaning, reblocking, rebanding, etc. makes them as good as new — the cost is little.

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# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All Friends and Patrons Hopper's

## FOOD ADMINISTRATION IS ORGANIZING

W. E. Barrows and W. T. Craig Named as Administrators in Two Precincts—Very Comprehensive Organization is Planned.

The state food administrator, Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, has announced the appointment of W. E. Barrows as food administrator in Pisgah precinct and W. T. Craig as food administrator for Woodson precinct. These men with others in the county, will report to M. F. Dunlap, who is the county food administrator.

It is understood that the organization as recommended for Morgan county by Mr. Dunlap will include an administrator in each precinct and a representative for every section of land in the county. The organization will be by election precincts rather than by townships and the representatives of each section of land will report to the precinct chairman and he in turn will make his report to the county chairman. In this way a very comprehensive organization has been outlined.

From information thus far made public it is quite evident that the national food administration is planning active work. From the state food administrator various grocery men and restaurant proprietors have recently been receiving definite instructions as to what price they can sell or what they can serve as the case may be. When some of the original instructions were issued it seemed to be the understanding of dealers and restaurant men that observance was somewhat optional. Now the directions are definite and direct and it is known that on meatless day no meat must be served and that grocers, for certain commodities must not charge more than a specified profit. If certain lines of canned goods for example were bought before the increase in price of these canned products, the merchant is not at liberty to charge on a basis of present prices but must add a profit percentage of the same kind that he would have taken under normal conditions.

The instructions issued to bakeries are also more explicit and the food administration thru its agencies is evidently planning to actively supervise the retailing of certain necessities and the general handling of foodstuffs considered to have a close relationship with the conduct of the war. The authority of the national food administrator and thence passed on down to the state and county officials is very comprehensive and the organization now forming will eventually reach every consumer.

**GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE!**  
**A GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE OF MILLINERY AND READY TO WEAR GOODS IS NOW IN PROGRESS AT THE STORE OF J. HERMAN.**

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**  
Anna B. Hazell et al to Walter McCormick, pt. southwest quarter 24-14-10, \$1.

Joseph Hagan to Michael Lonergan, lot 2 Million's addition to Murrayville, \$1,800.

James M. McGlothlin, by heirs, to John Downs, lot 22 Tilton & Cassell's addition to Jacksonville, \$1.

Nellie Magill et al to L. G. Magill, interest in west half southeast quarter 31-18-9, \$1.

L. G. Magill to W. L. Magill, same tract as above described, \$1.

**HERE FROM NAVAL TRAINING STATION**

Holden Horton, who is taking training at the Great Lakes Naval Training station, is making a brief visit at the home of his brother, Arleigh Horton, 718 Hurd street. The young sailor's furlough is brief and he must speedily return to the station.

## VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IS RETURNED

Coroner's Jury Sworn to Inquire into Death of Walter Bostick Returns Verdict of Accidental Death—Mrs. Grace Nunes is Exonerated of Blame—Inquest Held at Court House Wednesday Evening.

The jury sworn to inquire into the death of Walter Bostick who was shot and killed at the home of Samuel Nunes on the morning of December 20, convened Wednesday evening in the court house. After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and exonerated Mrs. Grace Nunes from all blame.

The accident occurred at the home of Samuel Nunes while Mrs. Nunes was showing a revolver to Russell Nunes who was going to take it to a repair shop for her. In attempting to break the weapon it was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the Bostick boy in the breast and causing instant death.

Mrs. Nunes was so prostrated by the accident that she was unable to appear at the time before the coroner's jury. The jury after being empanelled adjourned subject to the call of Coroner Rose, until such time as Mrs. Nunes was able to appear. She recovered sufficiently to appear Wednesday and the inquest was held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. The jury was composed of G. V. Skinner foreman, Harvey D. Scott, Basil B. Sorrells, J. M. Swales, Howard Wannamaker and Dr. G. F. Dinsmore clerk. The testimony of Mrs. Grace Nunes, Russell Nunes and William Nunes, Jr., was heard.

According to the testimony of the witnesses the Bostick boy was in the habit of visiting at the home of Samuel Nunes. He went there on the morning of December 20 and was talking with Mrs. Nunes in the kitchen when Russell Nunes came in. Mrs. Nunes' brother George Nunes had told her that Russell Nunes would take the revolver to the repair shop. When he came in Mrs. Nunes got the revolver out of a drawer. She did not know that her stepson had loaded the gun and was attempting to break it to show Russell Nunes what she wanted repaired.

The Bostick boy had been standing by the stove but when Mrs. Nunes got the gun, according to her testimony and that of Russell Nunes he stepped around directly in front of the weapon to see what Mrs. Nunes was doing. When the weapon was discharged the bullet struck the boy squarely in the breast. The testimony of Russell Nunes and William Nunes, Jr., did not add any further facts to the affair, merely substantiating the story of Mrs. Nunes. After hearing this testimony the jury returned the verdict as given in the foregoing.

**PRE-INVENTORY SALE OF 250 GARMENTS AND HATS THIS WEEK. WE HAVE SELECTED FROM OUR REGULAR STOCK FOR THIS MARKED DOWN SALE—**

50 COATS.  
50 SUITS.  
50 SKIRTS.  
50 DRESSES.  
50 HATS.

**SOME OF THE BEST STYLES OF THE WINTER SEASON WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS LOT AT SHARP REDUCTIONS.**

**F. J. WADDELL & CO.**

**WILL GO TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT**

Charles DeSilva, proprietor of DeSilva's lunch room will go to Passavant hospital this morning and tomorrow will submit to an operation for relief to his right ankle which was injured ten years ago while in the employ of the Wabash railroad.

At that time Mr. DeSilva had the ankle badly crushed. Recently it began to bother him and an X-ray examination by Dr. H. A. Chapin showed that the bones are splintered and had never healed properly. The operation will be performed by Dr. G. H. Stacy assisted by Dr. Chapin. It is probable that Mr. DeSilva will be in the hospital for several weeks and his many friends earnestly hope for his complete recovery.

During his life Mr. DeSilva has been unfortunate in the way of accidents. Some years ago he received a bullet in his left leg while playing the innocent bystander when a policeman was shooting at a fleeing prisoner. At the time of the fire at Jacksonville State hospital he suffered a broken hip and the fracture of several ribs when the old Silsby fire engine overturned while he was taking it to the fire.

**25 cents worth or more for every quarter you spend at our 12th annual grab sale. Friday morning, Dec. 28th. You may get the \$15.00 White Ivory set. Armstrong Drug Store, S. W. corner square.**

**LAD HAS INJURED EYE**

Eugene Fitch, little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Fitch, suffered a painful eye injury Christmas afternoon while at play. James Merrill had in his hands a toy gun purchased at a 10 cent store. He shot at a tree but by accident the rubber pointed bit of wood flew wide of the mark and struck the Fitch boy squarely in the eye. The accident happened very near the home of Dr. A. L. Adams who gave the injured boy immediate attention. The injury is quite severe and the result is still uncertain, but Dr. Adams is hopeful that the sight of the eye can be saved.

**Coal now. Walton & Co.**

Charles West of Murrayville was attending to business in the city yesterday.

# SWEATER COATS

for now—are the most practical garments for out door and general utility use that you can buy. A style and color for men, women, young men and boys to meet every requirement—V neck, shawl collar and Varsity style. Fancy, plain colors, stripes and mixtures.

Worsteds, Shaker and Rope Weaves—you can buy these now much more economically than you can for a long time to come.

**Buy Now: \$1 to \$10**



Note—Skein yards have advanced from 25c to \$1 per skein in the past year.

**MYERS BROTHERS.**

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## CONCORD RESIDENTS ARE NOW IN SOUTH

Mrs. George Wooff States That Party is Now Pleasantly Located at McAllen, Texas—Rev. T. W. Bass and Wife Visit Old Home—Other Concord Items.

Concord, Dec. 26.—T. W. Bass and wife of Sweetwater were visiting in their old home of Concord Tuesday and attended the Christmas entertainment at the Christian church. Mr. Bass was ordained to the ministry in the Concord church some time ago and is now pastor of the church at Sweetwater, in Menard county.

Mrs. Ethelyn Plank has just received word from her sister, Mrs. George Wooff, now in McAllen, Texas, that they arrived at their destination tired by all right. Mrs. Brainer has a bad cold but the mild weather should soon cure that. Children are running around barefooted and wear white dresses. That section was visited by a light frost the 22nd, which was a most unusual occurrence.

Mrs. O. T. Hamm spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Green in Arenzville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cooper and son of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Taylor of near Bluffs spent Tuesday in Concord with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brockhouse entertained their children at Christmas dinner. Walter, of near Roodhouse, has returned to his work.

Elsie Gray of Eureka and Clyde Gray, who has been visiting near Franklin, are home for the holidays. Minister C. G. Cantrell went to Berea via Jacksonville Wednesday to attend a funeral.

Grab sale at Obermeyer's.

## PLEASANT FAMILY GATHERING.

At the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mendonsa, 513 North Diamond street a pleasant reunion is now being enjoyed.

First is their son, Arthur A. Mendonsa, of the 9th Engineer Training company, Camp Courchesne, El Paso, Texas. The young man was an Illinois college student and enlisted last May and has been in the service continuously ever since. He has been kindly remembered by the faculty and students of the college. He has been occupied much of the time as supply clerk, has been promoted to the rank of corporal and gives a good account of the service, is well satisfied and enthusiastic over his work and position.

Mrs. Mendonsa's sister, Mrs. N. Estaque and husband are here from Chicago; their son Edward E. Mendonsa and wife of Clarksville, Mo., and their daughter, Miss Julia M. Mendonsa of Bloomington.

**12th annual grab sale commences Friday morning at 9 o'clock, 25c a grab. Armstrong Drug Store, S. W. corner of square.**

## FROM CAMP DODGE.

Mrs. R. P. Joy has received a letter from her son, Donald Joy, who with George Cox, also of this city, is now with the U. S. forces at Camp Dodge. Mr. Joy is in the ordnance department and writes his mother that he is greatly pleased with army life. The cantonment at Camp Dodge, like the others the U. S. is establishing in various parts of the country, is immense in size, embracing more than six square miles. In his letter Mr. Joy said "Don't tell us anything sad, for here the surroundings are pleasant and we don't hear a word of any of the war catastrophes."

## STILL a CHANCE For GIFT BUYING

**Miss Lady, Give Him One of Our FITTED LEATHER CASES \$2.50 to \$15.00 and up**

The wide range of prices tells you of the unusual variety, including dressing cases, military cases, Pullman and overnight cases—for men and women.

## THERMOS

Keeps hot 24 hours; cold 24 to 72 hours. In pints, quarts, for use in auto and traveling and the Carafe's for home use. . . . \$2.00 to \$8.00 Cases to carry them in.

## LET US SHOW YOU.

## SMOKER ARTICLES

The largest assortment ever shown here consists of Cigar and Cigarette Humidors, Leather Cigar and Cigarette Packet Cases, Smoker Sets, 40 kinds; Smoker Stands, 10 kinds. These articles range in price—

Modest Ones . . . 25c to \$2.00  
Fancy and Elaborate . . . \$2.00 to \$7.50

Again, we ask you to visit our Balcony Gift Shop. It is full of useful, suggestive gifts of Unquestionable Quality and prices are made to conform to a fair margin of profit. Many bargains are still here.

## GIVE CAMERAS

Fine working box at . \$3.50 gives excellent results without much trouble. We have sold over 300 of these and they are all working. Others . . . 75c to \$65.00

## Have You a Complete IVORY SET?

We are showing many articles, single ones which will make that set complete. The values are . . . 25c to \$6.00

## Special MIRROR Sale

All this week. \$3.50 mirror at \$2.89 (8-in. mirror. This is a Bargain.

**POWDER and PUFF BOX**  
Pair . . . . . 90c

## MANICURE PIECES

As low as, each . . . . . 25c

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And she will say it was "so sweet of you." All the leading American and French Toilet Goods are here.

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Van Tines' Combination boxes . . . . . \$1.00 to \$3.00  
Japanese Pat Puri Bags in suitable Gift Box . . . \$2.50  
Mary Garden, Lilac, in 1/2 and 1 oz. original packages. Houbigant's "Ideal", bulk and package with an endless variety of smaller gift boxes at prices that begin at . . 25c

## POCKET BOOKS, BILL FOLDS, BILL ROLLS, BOODLE BOOKS,

Purses, Letter Cases, Card Cases, Photo Cases in endless variety. You must see our line before you buy. We will help you select, and advise as to what wears best. Prices are Right.

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